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Meta Drinking Water Project still uncertain

BY ELISE BROCHU
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META — The engineer's report from Bartlett & West, provided to the Board of Aldermen for last Wednesday's meeting, stated that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) results were released, and Meta is in the eligible/waitlisted category for the Drinking Water Project.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has proclaimed that they would give the city a \$1,500,000 grant with a \$1,500,000 loan to fund the improvements on the engineering report. The city has selected D.A. Davidson to discuss project financing, and that firm is looking at the user rate impact.

"I think DA Davidson has finally realized that I wasn't off my rocker when I told them we couldn't do a \$3,000,000 water project and afford it, because they still haven't called me back," said City Clerk Deidra Buechter.

For stormwater, Bartlett & West reported that they have begun development of a final plan and is working with MoDOT, State Parks, and Meramec Regional Planning Commission on coordination of permits. The firm continues to coordinate with DNR for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI).

They have received 69 customer surveys back, and plan to pothole — dig small holes — on the city side of water meters in late June or early July to check the supply lines for lead pipe. The city was awarded \$50,000 in State Revolving Fund (SRF) grant money for LSLI.

City maintenance personnel are very pleased with the new mower. Citizens have expressed concern over the additional fuel dollars spent to keep the grass cut neatly, but it was reported that the city spent just \$880 on gas for 2023-24, as opposed to \$1,400 in 2022-23.

"I'd rather it look nice," said Mayor Ivie Helton.

Maintenance personnel are proud of how the ball field looks, and plan to seed a few more areas this fall. They have also been working on filling potholes.

Helton mentioned she had received several complaints

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EAGLE SCOUT Stuart Massman proudly displays one of his book sharing boxes.

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**Flag Day
Naturalization
Ceremony
held in Linn**

Massman constructs book-sharing boxes to earn Eagle

BY NEAL JOHNSON
EDITOR

LINN — Stuart Massman earned his Eagle rank on Feb. 20 after constructing book-sharing boxes to benefit the community before graduating last month from Linn High School.

"The idea for my project came from a book-sharing box that we saw at a restaurant over in Bland," Massman ex-

plained, noting the encounter occurred in the spring of 2023. "I decided that since the library here in Linn had moved closer to school and out of town, it would be a good idea to put little libraries at the parks to let people read books again, and not have to go across town just to get a book."

Massman added that some local daycare children previously walked to the library

when it was on Jefferson Street. "Now that the library has moved to Rt. CC, closer to the school they don't have the ability to get a book once a week or whenever they go by."

Though Massman has been a dedicated Scout since the first grade, he didn't start thinking about an Eagle project until his sophomore year, when he began seriously planning.

"We talked about it when

we saw it at the restaurant, and then we looked at designs to see which would look better and which would be the best option to go with," Stuart said of the conversation he had with his parents, Joe and Melissa. "The way the book-sharing boxes work is that once built and placed in the parks, they will be filled with donated

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**Alpha-gal
Syndrome
is more
than just
a meat
allergy**

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Relay for Life hosts annual fundraiser

Relay for Life of Osage/Maries Counties hosted its annual pork burger dinner fundraiser last Friday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westphalia. The evening included a survivor's walk and a luminary in memory of those lost to cancer. New features of this year's event included live music by George Arbuckle and a table from the Osage Ambulance District to help people build first aid kits. The fundraiser brought the organization approximately \$9,400 to add to its \$43,200 for the fundraising year, which runs from September through August. Relay for Life of Osage/Maries Counties Chair Nicki Bax commended volunteers (above) and community supporters and said the team is always accepting new participants. "We absolutely love doing it because it's just for those survivors and caregivers," she said. Those interested in joining the team may visit the Relay for Life of Osage/Maries Counties Facebook page or contact Bax. See page 8 for more photos.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED



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12U
baseball**

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**Linn
youth
baseball**

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Newborn found in Walmart bag at Maries County residence

BY ROXIE MURPHY
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BELLE — The parents and grandparents of a newborn infant found on June 15 inside a gray plastic bag at a Maries County residence were in Judge Kerry G. Rowden's juvenile court at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning for an emergency hearing.

"You understand they're (mother's family) is asking to deny their (father's family) motion and grant them (mother's family) temporary custody?" Rowden summarized for the attorneys present.

Both families are petitioning for custody of the infant baby girl who is currently hospitalized and is in state custody.

The hours-old infant was located behind the shed of a Maries County residence on Friday morning inside a plastic bag, believed to be a Walmart bag, according to Maries County Sheriff Chris Heitman. The 17-year-old mother of the infant had given birth in the early morning hours and, in what the sheriff has labeled "a severe case of child abuse," left the infant inside the bag, behind a shed at their residence.

The baby was reported to be in stable condition on Monday morning at an undisclosed children's hospital. Both families were in court on Tuesday to determine where the baby will go home to when she is released.

Both parties were present for an "emergency order of guardianship." Rowden said he appointed a Guardian

of Light for the infant on Monday, but baby's attorney was not present because she likely wasn't aware of the hearing scheduled Tuesday.

"I wasn't aware a hearing was set for this morning," Rowden said. "Let's open with the juvenile case." The juvenile case regarding the 17-year-old mother, who was present, was to begin with both sides making an argument for their clients. Rowden said he would make a decision about guardianship after the juvenile case.

At that point, the attorneys requested reporters leave the room. At 9:28 a.m., a private attorney returned to collect an unknown party who was also removed from the courtroom and advised them no (custody) "hearing would take place today."

Events on Friday began to unfold

when a family member located the infant.

An emergency tone to Osage Ambulance District around 11:30 a.m. on June 15 reported an area resident had gone outside to mow their grass and heard a noise they thought was kittens. Instead, they located the Walmart bag with the child inside.

After arriving on scene, the Maries County Sheriff's deputies determined that a 17-year-old girl recently gave birth and left the infant in a Walmart bag behind the family's shed where another family member located the child hours later, according to Heitman.

"The child was outside at least four hours, possibly longer," said Major Scott John, lead on the case.

The temperature around noon on

June 15 was 85 degrees according to Columbia, Mo., Weather History.

"It is a girl," John continued. "She was between four and five pounds. It appeared the child was a preemie, but doctors have not given an official opinion. A doctor will need to make that determination."

The child was initially transported to Phelps Health in Rolla, but later transported to a larger facility. Once she is released from the hospital, the Division of Family Services will determine a temporary custody arrangement.

When asked if the conception of the child was a result of sexual abuse, John said they had no reason to believe it was.

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"Many a friendship, long, loyal, and self-sacrificing, rested at first on no thicker a foundation than a kind word." — FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER

OBITUARIES

The *Unterrified Democrat* publishes obituaries of Osage County residents and relatives of local residents free of charge. Obituaries should be submitted by the family or funeral home to: Editor, P.O. Box 109, Linn, MO 65051. All obituaries will be subject to editing for news style and length. Unedited obituaries are available at \$5 per column inch. For more information, call 573-897-3150.

Agnes Brenneke

1926-2024



Agnes Brenneke, 98, Jefferson City passed away Monday, June 10, 2024, at Maries Manor in Vienna. She was born Feb. 15, 1926, to the late August and Hilda (Eichholz) Wieberg Sr. in Argyle. She graduated from Wiles School in 1944.

Agnes was united in marriage to John A. Brenneke Oct. 18, 1948 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Argyle.

As a teenager, she went to work at St. Mary's Hospital and later worked for Edward R. Bohrer, M.D. and the Women's Clinic of Jefferson City. In 1988, Agnes retired from Anesthesia Associates after 15 years of service.

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Peter Altar Sodality, Daughters of Isabella and St. Rita's Sewing Circle. Agnes was a Gold Circle Member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Post 1003.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, going camping, embroidery, crocheting, playing cards and bowling.

Agnes was preceded in death by husband, John; parents, August and Hilda; son, Michael; daughter, Marla Lane; grandson; Johnathan; brothers, Leonard Wieberg, Victor and Martha Wieberg, August and Laura Wieberg, Jr. and Gilbert and Corona Wieberg; sister, Angela Lape and husband Donald; and brother-in-law, Lawrence Brenneke.

She is survived by daughters, Michelle Kliethermes and husband Curt of Linn and Linda Wyss and husband Bryan of Vienna; son-in-law, Mark Lane of Loose Creek; grandchildren; Brandon Brenneke and fiancé-Rachelle Marten, Chelsea Couey and husband Craig, Bryce Kliethermes, Colby Meckfessel and Hunter Wyss; great-grandchildren, Brenden, Claire Rose, Violet and Leah; sister, Margaret Brenneke of Wardsville; brother; Clarence "Doc" Wieberg and wife Jeanette of Beemer, Neb.; and sister-in-law, Rosemary Wieberg of Westphalia.

Visitation will be held from 9 until 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 24, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Peter Catholic Church in Jefferson City with Reverend Thomas Alber officiating. Entombment will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to the family for a memorial bench to be placed in the gardens at Maries Manor.

Arrangements entrusted to Trimble Funeral Homes-Jefferson City.

Evelyn Perkins

1927-2024



Evelyn Marie Perkins, 97, Boonville, formerly of Linn, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 12, 2024, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia.

She was born March 24, 1927, to the late Lawrence Edward and Pauline Phillips (Phillips) Withers in Ottawa, Kan.

She was employed at Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company in St. Louis and Kansas City before returning to Linn where she was employed and retired from Linn Technical College in 1984 to be a full-time grandma.

Evelyn was a member of Fairview Church of Christ but attended First Baptist Church in Linn. She was also a member of the Daughters of America and the Linn Senior Center.

Evelyn enjoyed embroidery baby quilts to give to family members, along with reading, traveling, word puzzles, growing flowers, feeding the hummingbirds, and playing with her dogs and cats.

She was known in her neighborhood for having blow-up figurines in her yard for every holiday. Evelyn loved to share her talent of cooking with her family and especially making her Christmas cookies. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family, especially all of her grandchildren.

Evelyn was preceded in death by parents, Lawrence and Pauline; daughter, Virginia Bobeen; granddaughter, Heather Williams; great-granddaughter, Brianna Gargac; and siblings, Bea Jones, Richard, LeRoy, Ralph and Larry Withers, Hazel Warren and Fern Heyman.

She is survived by daughters, Paula Finn of Jefferson City and Pam Williams of Boonville; sisters, Iva Bower of Linn and Sue Stowe of Lebanon; 10 grandchildren; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 23, at Ely Manor Event Center in Linn.

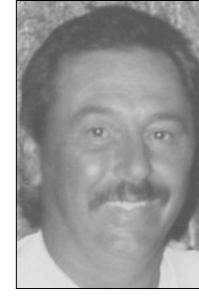
Memorial contributions suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

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Carl Baclesse

1955-2024



Carl Edward Baclesse, 69, Linn, passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 6, 1955, to the late Dale "Buster" and Grace (Englebrecht) Baclesse in Jefferson City.

He was a 1974 graduate of Linn High School and attended Technical College of Missouri in Linn.

Carl was united in marriage to Janelle Wiegers Oct. 29, 1988, in Freeburg.

He was the owner/operator of B & C Processing for over 25 years and also worked in construction.

Carl was a member of the Freedom Road Riders and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting and biking.

He was preceded in death by parents, Dale and Grace; sister, Cheryl Baclesse; and father and mother-in-law, Mary and Fred Wiegers.

Carl is survived by wife of 35 years, Janelle; brother, Denny Baclesse of Taos; brothers-in-law, Jim and John Wiegers, both of Freeburg; step-father, Robert "Bob" Crowe of Linn; constant companion, Ruckus; as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 18, at Morton Chapel in Linn with Chaplin Scott Barton officiating. Interment was in the Linn Public Cemetery.

Memorial contributions suggested to American Cancer Society or B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse).

Arrangements entrusted to Morton Chapel in Linn.

Rosemarie Turner

1931-2024



Rosemarie Ann Turner, 92, Jefferson City passed away Friday, June 14, 2024.

She was born July 2, 1931, to the late Edwin and Isabella (Lock) Haslag in Loose Creek.

She was a 1949 graduate of Loose Creek High School and later graduated from Depaul Hospital School of nursing in 1956 as a registered nurse.

Rosemarie was united in marriage to Ronald Oscar Turner Dec. 13, 1958, in San Antonio, Texas.

She was employed at St. Mary's Health Center from September 1956 until her retirement in June of 1999. In 1963, Rosemarie became the first lay supervisor and began her career as a registered nurse. She would eventually serve as Director of Nursing and Director of Customer Services.

Rosemarie was also a member and was at one time in charge of the St. Mary's Auxiliary.

To many she was a "social butterfly", who enjoyed vacationing, shopping and gardening. Most of all, Rosemarie enjoyed the time she was able to spend with her family.

She was preceded in death by husband, Ronald; and parents, Edwin and Isabella.

Rosemarie is survived by son, J. Douglas Turner and wife Sheila; daughter, Molly Jo Haslag and husband Keith; grandchildren, Shelby Kliethermes and husband Kody, J. Dalton Turner Woodrum and husband Mitchell and Matthew and Tyler Haslag; and great-grandchildren, Hank William and Patsy Rosemarie Kliethermes.

Memorial contributions suggested to the St. Mary's Auxiliary.

A private service will be held by the family.

A Celebration of Life will be held for friends and family at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Houser-Millard Funeral Directors in Jefferson City.

Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapel.com.

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County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16, 2024**:

Bruce Lee Menefee, 40, Rosebud, was arrested Sunday, June 9, by another county on allegations of violation of order of protection for adult; released next day.

Kenneth Ray Shumate, 35, Jefferson City, was arrested Monday, June 10, by Osage County Sheriff on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

Joshua Truman Walls, 42, Linn, was arrested Friday, June 14, by Linn Police Department on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

John D. Blackburn, 53, Morrison, was arrested Sunday, June 16, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Katie Lynn Chester, 36, Cuba, was arrested Wednesday, June 12, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Adrian Marie Hegel, 27, Morrison, was arrested Sunday, June 16, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Megan Schrader, 26, Gerald, was arrested Wednesday, June 12, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

John D. Blackburn, 53, Morrison, was arrested Sunday, June 16, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

Ciara M. Davis, 33, Jefferson City, was arrested Saturday, June 15, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of driving while revoked/suspended; released same day.

JUDGE CRAIG E. HELLMAN

Danielle N. Branson, Morrison, pleaded guilty to trafficking drugs; suspended imposition of sentence with five years supervised probation.

Makayla R. Lange, Naylor, pleaded guilty to three counts of possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana/synthetic cannabinoid; sentenced to seven years in the Department of Corrections (SES) with five years supervised probation.

James E. Coffman IV, Freeburg, pleaded guilty to one count of resisting arrest/detention/stop by fleeing-creating a substantial risk of serious injury/death to any person; sentenced to four years in the Department of Corrections (SES) with five years supervised probation and one count of endangering the welfare of a child; sentenced to one year in jail (SES) with two years unsupervised probation.

Matthew R. Wilson, Linn, pleaded guilty to stealing \$750 or more; suspended imposition of sentence with five years supervised probation.

Francis H. Kempker v. State of Missouri, suit on file; findings of fact, conclusion of law and judgment entered for respondent.

Linn, pleaded guilty to possessing resident permits while having resident privileges from another state; fined \$199.50.

Lou M. Mertens, Jefferson City, pleaded guilty to failure to equip motor vehicle with more than two side cowl/fender lamps/wrong color side lamps; fined \$200.

Elizabeth G. Ash, California, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.

Jonathan R. Price, Arcadia, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Michelle K. Tuttle, Union, pleaded guilty to failure to wear a seatbelt; fined \$10.

Abeny L. Wiser, St. Clair, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$225.

CIVIL CASES

Heights Finance Corp. v. Emily M. Strope, Linn, suit on file; judgment entered for plaintiff in the amount of \$4,482.23.

MO DEPT OF CONSERVATION V. Anderson J. Dungan, Linn, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.

Natalie M. Martin, Bland, pleaded guilty to failure to equip vehicle with muffler/adequate muffler/properly attached muffler; fined \$200.

Chamois High School

7-2-24: 1 - 5 p.m., In the Library, 614 S. Poplar Street, Chamois. To make an appointment, please contact Meghan Birmingham at bmhinghamm@osagerl.com or 573-763-5666.

Westphalia Lions Den

7-10-24: 2 - 6 p.m., In the Main Hall, 2073 Highway 63, Westphalia.

St. George Parish

7-17-24: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m., In the Church Hall, 611 E. Main Street, Linn.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Rape Crisis/Abuse..... (573) 634-4911

Poison Info..... 1-800-392-0414

Alcoholics Treatment Center..... 1-800-260-4014

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

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MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT, AND WEATHER CONTINUE TO AFFECT ROAD AND BRIDGE

Osage County Road and Bridge Foreman Mike Gorrell continues to deal with manpower, equipment, and weather issues.

First, his optimism over a recent new recruit proved to be unfounded. The young man, at the last minute, chose another job offer. Gorrell still has a full time position open, as well as room to hire more part time employees.

One of the county's dump trucks is now sidelined. Truck No. 31 is in the shop with clutch trouble.

Osage County Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin was concerned to see a grader operating just before what seemed to be an inevitable heavy rain storm. Rain falling on a freshly graded gravel road can produce uncomfortably muddy conditions. Driving then can be tough. Grading roads after fresh moisture can produce better results. Commissioners also know weather forecasting is not an exact science.

"I understand when a pop-up shower comes," said Griffin.

Osage County Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes joined in discouraging grader operation before a predictable rain.

"Pull them off for that day, at least," he said. Gorrell agreed.

Department employees hauled rock on CRs 412, 631, and 711; crew members cleaned culverts on several roads and removed trees on CR 734; workers patched asphalt on CR 403; mowers worked on CRs 710, 731, and 733; and graders worked on CRs 211, 212, 274A, 300, 301, 302, 403, 412, 421, 422, 514, 526, 527, 602, 608, 609, 631, 634, 637, 638, 705, 708, 709, 711, 712, 713, 821, and 822.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Osage County Attorney Amanda Grellner visited with commissioners Tuesday, June 11. She heard their ideas for improvements to the county's employee handbook. Among many minor tweaks, they also proposed a change to the bereavement leave policy.

Now, employees are offered four days in the case of death of a family member. However, those days must be taken consecutively. Commissioners responded to what they believe are some valid recent complaints. They'd like to remove the consecutive day requirement. Grellner endorses that idea as well.

"That makes sense," she said.

Proposed policy additions to the handbook include regulation of signs hanging on doors. These might be in hallways, and other widely viewed areas of county properties. Commissioners' concerns run from damage to the walls to politically charged content. As far as cultural and political content, "we're trying to avoid any kind of liability," explained Osage County Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw.

Grellner will compose policy which commissioners will then read and vote on.

"I'll try to come up with some level of language," she promised, recognizing it will be difficult to draw good lines.

OCHD

Grellner and Kliethermes enjoyed a tour of the Cole County Health Department offered by Cole County Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman. The much more populous county's facility is naturally quite larger than Osage County's.

New online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 11

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — Gardening is an activity with many rewards, said David Trinklein, state horticulture specialist for University of Missouri Extension.

"One of them is the satisfaction of sharing your plant knowledge with others," Trinklein said. The MU Extension Master Gardener program was designed to do just that. "Its motto, 'helping others learn to grow,' emphasizes service to others as the program's main objective," said Trinklein.

A new session of online Master Gardener training begins Aug. 11.

Trinklein and MU Extension horticulture specialist Sarah Denkler teach the 14 online sessions. "These classes represent a viable option for people who can't take the weekly classes in person," Trinklein said.

Classes are delivered through the Canvas learning management system as a series of narrated video presentations. Students work at their own pace. A composite score of 70% on chapter quizzes is needed to pass the course.

Topics include basic botany, soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening, fruit production, landscape design, woody ornamental plants, herbaceous landscape plants, turf management, insect and disease management and pesticide safety.

Register at <http://muetx.us/MGfall2024>. Learn more about the Missouri Master Gardener program at <http://mg.missouri.edu>.

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2/\$5	\$2.99
NABISCO Teddy Grahams Select 10 oz.	JIF Peanut Butter Select 16 oz.
2/\$3	\$2.99
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20-PK BOTTLES Bud/Bud Light	\$20.19
30-PK CANS Busch/Busch Light	\$24.89
30-PK 12 OZ CANS Keystone Light	\$18.99
24-PK CANS Coors Light	\$21.99
24-PK CANS Milwaukee Best/ Best Light	\$14.99
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Community News

UNTERRIED DEMOCRAT

100 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 12, 1924

The members of the G.T.G. club of Linn played and defeated the Bonnott's Mill team in a game of baseball Sunday afternoon.

In order to quench the ever rising score of the G.T.G.'s Bonnott's Mill was forced to change pitchers three times during the game. But this was of no avail for Linn left the field the victors of the game by a score of 17-2.

Emma Rudroff was bitten by a copperhead snake last Sunday. Dr. Jones, the attending physician, reports she is getting along nicely.

75 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 16, 1949

Rural Fire Association makes new ruling

Last Saturday evening, the members of the Linn Rural Fire Association met at the court house to work up final plans and details for the Linn Rural Fire Association.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the by-laws and constitution of the Linn Rural Fire Association, and to make changes in the association as originally set up.

One of these changes discussed and approved, was to cancel the \$100 charge to non-members. Under the new plan, only members will be served by the Linn Rural Fire Association, and all who want fire protection will have until July 1, 1949 to join the association. Deadline for members was originally set for June 15, but due to the change voted by the members, the time limit was extended until July 1.

Emil Niewald, president of the association, explained how this will work. The reason for doing away with the \$100 to nonmembers is because members themselves will have more protection, and the volunteer fire crew will be able to study in advance the location of every member, and know the shortest route to get to each member's place if a fire should occur.

Another reason for limiting fire calls to members only, says Mr Niewald, is the question of some persons other than the owner of the premises turning in an alarm for which difficulty might be encountered in collecting the \$100 from the owner of the farm.

All farmers in the area are urged to become members of the Linn Rural Fire Association, as it only costs \$20 to belong with a yearly assessment of whatever the board of directors may deem advisable in order to keep the equipment in perfect running order.

This is the first time farmers in this area ever had an opportunity to get this protection. The \$20 membership is a lifetime membership.

Covered Wagon is due to arrive in Linn at 2 p.m.

One of the covered wagon units, which carried many a party of Americans to the far west in the historic gold rush of 1849, is coming to Linn from 2 to 5 p.m. today and will be on the square.

Adopted as the symbol of the 1949 Opportunity Drive, which was opened with a big parade in Independence, home of President Truman, the covered wagon with its canvas top coming here is one of a train of 30 wagons on tour of the country in the interest of the bond drive, which continues until June 30.

The goal of the drive is the sale of 1040 million dollars worth of series E bonds. The quota announced for Osage County is \$32,926.

Clyde Morton, United States Savings Bond chairman for Osage County announced today that sale of series E bonds in this county from the beginning of the drive to June 4 amounted to \$15,412 which is 46.8 per cent of our quota.

When releasing these figures, Morton said, "Although the drive continues until June 30, that date will be upon us before we realize it and we are all anxious to make Missouri a real 100 per cent state with every county overselling its quota."

Crops suffer as rains fall, and farmers worry

County Agent Walter Heidlage sounded a note of pessimism Tuesday as he told about damaged crops in Osage County which farmers are unable to do anything about because of excessive rainfall of the past three weeks.

Barley is lodging (falling) badly Heidlage says. As a forage crop barley occupies an important place in the local set up, and is one of the country's best grain pastures in the fall and spring. Much of the barley crop may be salvaged if the rains let up quickly giving the ground a chance to dry so machinery can be put in the field Heidlage added.

Rust is showing up in the wheat which will cut the yield considerably in many sections. Most of the wheat will be ready to cut in four or five days, but the county agent puts a below-average yield in Osage County.

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We will be selling the contents of Sharon Salzwedel's 2500 sq ft home. There will be lots of antiques, collectibles, furniture, appliances, household, and Christmas collectibles including Santas, etc. In the lower building there will be a second auction ring of other sellers. This will be a big auction.

SEE WEBSITE FOR LISTING & PHOTOS

Note: This will be a large auction with two auction rings all evening. Please see the website for photos and listing mid-week. Thanks - Rick

Terms: Cash or good check with proper identification. All sales are final. Everything sells as is, where is. Proper identification is necessary to obtain a buyer's number. Announcements day of sale supersede all printed material. Food on grounds.

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Remember When... from the pages of our past

He says the oat crop which will be ready to cut in 10 days or two weeks looks excellent. Corn looks good too, although weeds are becoming a problem. A large number of farmers plan to use a weed spray on their cornfield as soon as the ground gets dry enough.

A word of caution comes from the county agent as he points out that some damage to sprayed corn was noted last year. If recommendations of the County Extension Service are followed no damage should result he says.

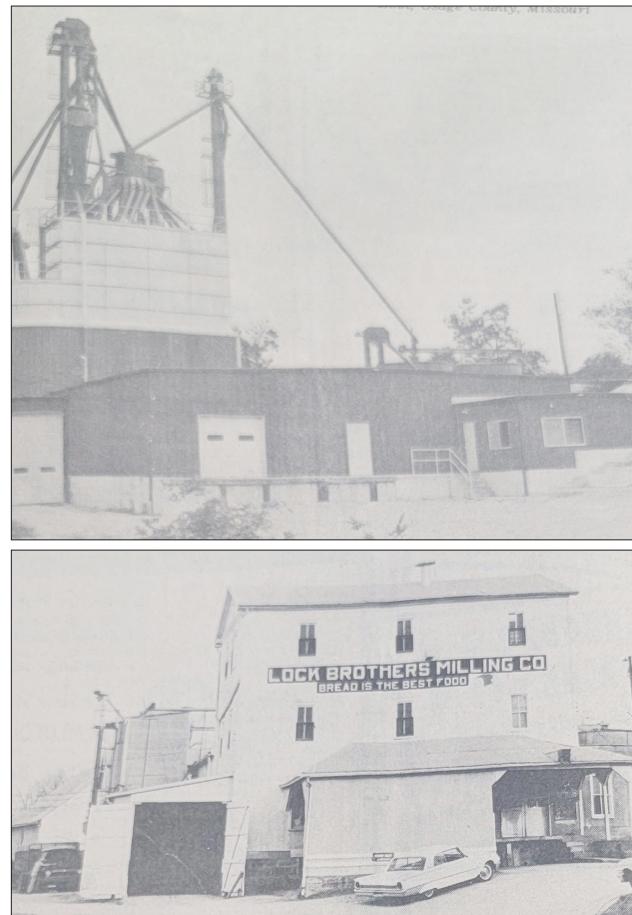
Some of the farmers in the Maries and Gasconade river bottoms have suffered considerable loss from overflow of those streams lately - not the least of which Heidlage points out is the top soil which was washed away. It takes 100 years to put back an inch of top soil, the County Agent said.

Editorial:

Hard work may be the explanation of the success that comes to some people. If that is true, then a lack of hard work may explain the lack of success that seems to attend the efforts of others.

The advent of summer weather brings a dangerous period to the farmers. Last summer several serious accidents occurred in Osage County with corn shredders, tractors and other farm machinery. Safety on the farm is important as safety on the highways, and the new farm motorized machinery is beginning to take its toll in lost time injuries on the farm.

50 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 12, 1974



Locks' Mill to hold open house

Lock Bros. Milling Co. at Loose Creek has its new building complete and will hold its grand opening Saturday, June 15. They invite everyone to come in and see the modern mill in operation. The company has been operating under temporary conditions since their former building burned to the ground July 31, 1972.

The new mill is equipped with a 12-ton per hour mixing and pellet capacity. There are two grain dumps for fast unloading of trucks. The Butler-type building is located on the same site where the old mill burned.

Machinery equipment incorporated in the new mill include a pellet mill

South Central Regional Stockyards

Vienna, Mo.

FEEDER CATTLE - JUNE 12, 2024
CATTLE RECEIPTS: 1123

LAST REPORTED: 1947* YEAR AGO: 2812

Compared to last Wednesday, feeder steers steady to 50 higher with advances from 550-650 lbs. Feeder heifers 3.00-12.00 higher. Slaughter cows 4.00-6.00 higher. Demand good to very good. Supply moderate. The supply and demand setup continues to be very much in the sellers favor. The calves flagged as unweaned were from a larger consignment and also carrying some hair which is an issue with summer heat and humidity suddenly upon us. Supply included: 92% Feeder Cattle (54% Steers, 46% Heifers, 1% Bulls); 7% Slaughter Cattle (96% Cows, 4% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs. was 28%.

STEERS

Medium and Large 1

465-490 lb. 322.00-340.00
526-591 lb. 306.50-337.00
650-698 lb. 273.00-300.00
760-764 lb. 256.00-257.00

Value Added: 501-542 lb.

322.50-338.00; 630-658 lb.

302.00-307.50; 777 lb. 253.00;

Unweaned: 430 lb. 335.00; 534 lb.

318.00; 608-672 lb. 246.00-

296.00

Medium and Large 1-2

350-395 lb. 334.00-358.00

425-495 lb. 310.00-351.00

500-595 lb. 284.00-316.00

601-695 lb. 273.00-297.00

Value Added: 451-472 lb. 326.00-

338.50; Unweaned: 513 lb. 281.00

Medium and Large 2

398 lb. 317.00

718 lb. 255.50

LARGE 1

Medium 1

427 lb. 344.00

BULLS

Medium and Large 1-2

603-615 lb. 259.00-266.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS

Breaker 75-80% 1505-1535 lb. High Dressing:

143.50-150.00 1385-1935 lb. Average Dressing:

133.00-144.50

Boner 80-85% 1320 lb. High Dressing:

146.50; 1211-1415 lb. Average Dressing:

132.50-142.50; 1120-1255 lb. Low Dressing:

127.00-127.50

Lean 85-90% 1065-1115 lb. High Dressing:

143.50-144.50; 1070-1105 lb. Average Dressing:

124.00-131.00; 945-1170 lb. Low Dressing:

105.00-119.00; 920 lb. Very Low Dressing:

92.00

BULLS 1-2

1455-1660 lb. Low Dressing:

130.00-150.00

LARGE 1

Medium and Large 1

>8 years, 3rd Stage, 1335 lb., 185.00

Medium and Large 1-2

2-4 years, 3rd Stage, 1005-1085

lb., 2,000.00-2,150.00

HEIFERS

Medium and Large 1

363-385 lb. 340.00-354.00

405-495 lb. 309.00-352.00

501-590 lb. 270.00-319.00

601-640 lb. 264.00-288.00

755 lb. 257.00

Value Added: 505-544 lb. 305.50-

313.00; Unweaned: 493 lb. 309.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

BRED COWS

Medium and Large 1

Medium and Large 1

Medium and Large 1-2

2-4 years, 3rd Stage, 1005-1085

lb., 2,000.00-2,150.00

HEIFERS

Medium and Large 1

Medium and Large 1

Medium and Large 1-2

2-4 years, 3rd Stage, 1005-1085

lb., 2,000.00-2,150.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

BRED COWS

Medium and Large 1

Community News

UNTERRIED DEMOCRAT

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ANNUAL ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC

RAFFLE • BEER GARDEN
SANDWICH STAND • BINGO
GAMES • ICE CREAM

LINN, MO. • NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS



Mark Baker from the Linn Branch presented representatives from CASA of Mid-East Missouri with a check for \$700.

Mid America Bank hosted Community Appreciation Open House

Mid America Bank hosted a Community Appreciation Open House April 22-27 as part of Community Banking Month. For every entry into the drawing by a guest, Mid America Bank donated to the branch's charity of choice.

In total, Mid America Bank donated \$13,160 to charities and non-profits across mid-Missouri as part of their Community Appreciation Open House.



Meta Branch's Doris Stumpe presented representatives from St. Thomas the Apostle School with a check for \$1,170.00 for their lunch program.



Pictured from the Freeburg Branch is Paul Stratman presenting a representative from Freeburg/Rich Fountain Volunteer Fire Dept. with a check for \$2,470.

Sun., June 23

GERMAN POT ROAST AND GOLDEN FRIED CHICKEN

Served from 11 to 7 p.m. • \$17 per ticket

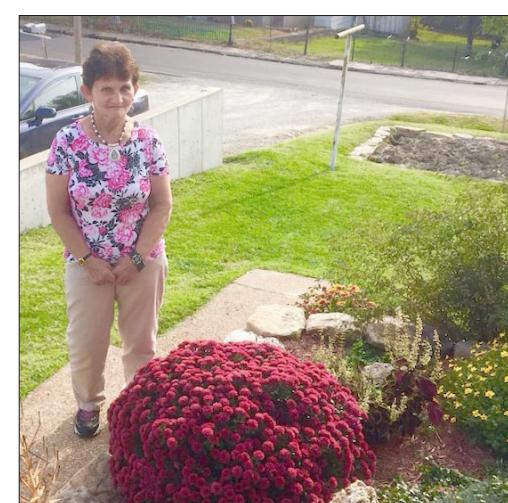
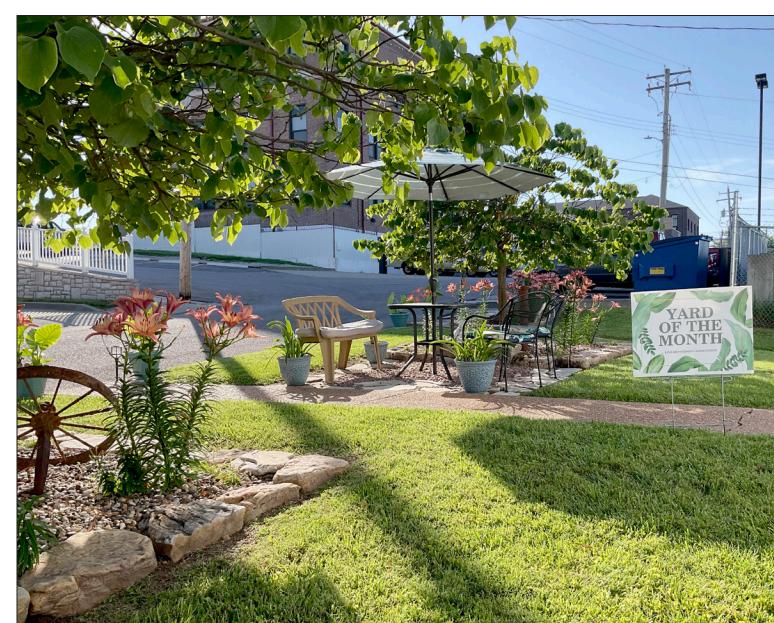
DRIVE THROUGH & CARRY OUT
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEATING

HANDMADE QUILT AUCTION
- 5 p.m. -

Quilts will be on display from 11 a.m. until the time of the auction.

ONLINE AUCTION STARTS SUNDAY, 6/16 AND ENDS FRIDAY 6/21

**Washer
Tournament
1-4pm**

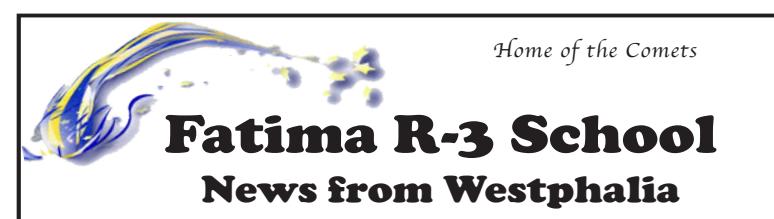


SUBMITTED PHOTOS

June Yard of the Month, a hidden gem

The Linn Community Betterment Association awarded the late Berneice Miller's yard, at 104 Court St., the June 2024 Yard of the Month honor. Her yard was nominated in her memory. It is definitely a hidden gem! Clematis, hydrangea, spiderwort, elephant ear, and an abundance of asiatic lilies grace the yard. There is also a beautiful little vegetable garden in the back yard. The asiatic lilies were especially stunning, as evident in the photo above. There is a little sitting area tucked under the redbud trees with very nice stone work. Shown also is Berneice standing next to a gorgeous chrysanthemum.

Nominations are open for Yard of the Month. Nomination forms may be picked up from Thriftway, Linn Post Office or The Unterrified Democrat. Nominations for front yards will be taken for April through September, and nominations for Holiday Displays will be taken from October through December.



ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLLS 2ND SEMESTER/2023-24 "A HONOR ROLL"

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Troesser
Harper Muenks
Sydney Wieberg
Ms. Schulte
Crystal Bannan
Daralyn Barr
Corbin Bowman
Brooke Counts
Anna Feltrop
Jack Hurst
Kayleigh Jarvis
Samara Khan
Kizzie Kliethermes
CJ Knapp
Amelia Pickett
Paislee Roberson
Camden Royston
Connor Smith
Graham Troesser

Mrs. Wingrath
Sophia Herigon
Sadie Phillips
Zay Redel-Sharisin
Lily Rothove
Ella Uthe

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Lehmen
Lily Brown
Chloe Bruce
Kevin Mackley
Samantha Mitchell
Baylee Offineer
Zadie Schellman
Mrs. Murphy
Quentin Borgmeyer
Lainey Davis
JT Lange
Skyler Powell
Conrad Schulte

"B HONOR ROLL"

THIRD GRADE
Mrs. Troesser
Autumn Clark
Brayden Falter
Kaison Farnsworth
Connor Fisher
Hudson Nilges
Cam Rackers
Caleb Royston

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Rehagen
Lilli Beesley
Ty Berhorst
Jack Bonnot
Phoebe Dawson
Kalli Libbert
Kynlee Rehagen
Daniel Weber
Mrs. Kemna
Zack Allen
Callie Backes
Brenden Helton
Gemma Rehagen

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Ryan
Bentley Farnsworth
Abigail Hackman
Allis Oliver

Mrs. Brown
Lena Feltrop

Allison McDonnell

Connor Peters

Blake Steen

Benjamin Struemph



The following temperatures and precipitation were recorded by Tom Kixmueller, National Weather Service observer at Freedom:

Date	High	Low	Precipitation
June 10	77	56	0.15
June 11	78	54	
June 12	80	64	
June 13	87	68	
June 14	91	71	
June 15	89	73	
June 16	92	71	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 70. Southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

Thursday Night-Partly sunny, high near 92. South wind 3 to 5 mph.

Friday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 71.

Saturday-Sunny, high near 96.

Sunday Night-A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, low around 74.

Sunday Day-A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, high near 92.

Sunday Night-A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, low around 69.

Monday-Sunny, high near 92.

StoneBridge Westphalia Presents:

Corrie Talken Carnival & Fireworks Show

June 28, 2024 • 5 pm, Fireworks at dark

StoneBridge Westphalia

Armband for games: \$7/1 or \$12/2

Bounce House, Skeeball, Basketball, Quarterback Challenge, & Dunk Tank

Live Band Featuring:

Benny Kempker in Double Trouble with special guest singers St. Francis Xavier Kids @ 6:30pm

Little Mr. & Miss

Firecracker Contest

5:00pm to 6:30pm,
judging at 7:00pm.
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Fireworks provided by the Pink Star Foundation

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Scouts from Troop 17 and Pack 17 take part in Naturalization Ceremony 2024

Scouts from Troop 17 and Pack 17 were honored to take part in the opening flag ceremony for the Naturalization Ceremony 2024 held at the Osage County Community Center on the State Technical College of Missouri Campus in Linn Friday, June 14, 2024.

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Guest Vendors:

Kettle Corn (Sue Lauberth Family)

Life Flight Helicopter: Brain Talken

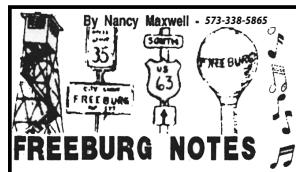
Available for purchase: soda, water, burgers, hot dogs, nachos, & chips

Bring lawn chairs & join in on the fun!



Community News

UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT



Good morning. Well summer doesn't "officially" begin till this Thursday, June 20 but from the 90+ temperatures we've had lately I think Mother Nature is trying to get a head start on the summer season.

Hope you all had a nice Father's Day Sunday. Did you know that Father's Day wasn't immediately accepted when it was first proposed and it didn't become a national holiday in the U.S. until 1972 during President Nixon's administration?

Seems that some men in the early 1900s associated such a tribute with women and found the idea too effeminate to their liking. Some men viewed the idea of Father's Day as being similar to Mother's Day which was popular with florists, for fathers, it didn't have the same sentimental appeal. Seems men had a different role in the family during the first half of the century. It was patriarchal, so they felt that a special day to exalt fatherhood was a rather silly idea, when it was mothers who were under appreciated! But of course that idea changed overtime. In 1916 President Wilson and his family personally observed Father's Day. Eight years later, President Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations".

In 1966 President Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June and in 1972 Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday!

Our sincere sympathy to Carrie and Jeff Swarthout and family on the death of her uncle, John Becker, age 76 of Jefferson City who died Friday, June 7 at the University Hospital in Columbia.

A celebration of John's life was held Thursday, June 13 in the Freeman Chapel in Jefferson City. Grave side services and interment with full military honors followed in the Hawthorn Memorial Gardens in Jefferson City.

Congratulations to Max Stuecken who was named to the baseball second team All State as an infielder.

Gary and Pam Storey, Patrick Storey and girlfriend Lindsay Kilgore, Zach and Anna Lewis and Juan and Sol Rodriguez from Ecuador toured the Arch, Budweiser Brewery, and cheered the St. Louis Cardinals on to victory over the Pirates Wednesday afternoon.

Zach and Anna Lewis got married two weeks ago and Patrick and Lind-

say went to Ecuador for the wedding. Patrick was the best man, which made their trip to Missouri even more special and fun.

Our sincere sympathy to Cindy and Rick Hilkmeyer and family on the death of her nephew, Daniel Malone-Pearson, age 19 of Jefferson City who died June 8 at his father's home in St. James.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 12 at Birmingham-Martin Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial followed in the Vienna Public Cemetery.

Gerhard Bax joined, Rita Luebbering of Westphalia, Patty Nelson of Taos, Brenda and Fred Bax of Jefferson City, Linda Tabor of Taos and Tim Luebbering for lunch Wednesday at Steve's Restaurant in Taos. After dinner they all visited with Elmer Bax, who had planned on joining them to celebrate his 84th birthday but instead was at his home in Westphalia recuperating from a brief hospital stay.

Happy birthday to Emmett Wieberg who celebrated his eighth birthday June 13; to Eustis Redel-Sharisin who celebrated his 17th birthday June 13; to Stanley Boehm who celebrated his 70th birthday June 13; to Taylor Hawkes who celebrated her 25th birthday June 13; to Harris Stratman who celebrated his 18th birthday June 13; to Rose Ruf who celebrated her 92nd birthday June 14; to Ethan Holterman who celebrated his 32nd birthday June 14; to Billie Haines who celebrated his 14th birthday June 14; to Cooper Berhorst who celebrated his 15th birthday June 14; to Josie Winkelman who celebrated her 18th birthday June 14; to Fr. Bill Debo who celebrated his 62nd birthday June 14; to Shirley Hasenbeck who celebrated her 71st birthday June 14; to Jaxton Jansen who celebrated his seventh birthday June 15; to Chloe Brune who celebrated her 13th birthday June 15; to Kamryn Lee who celebrated her 12th birthday June 15; to Chris Reichel who celebrated her 69th birthday June 16; to Eric Falter who celebrated his birthday June 16; to Paula Fick who celebrated her 57th birthday June 17; to Erica Platt who celebrated her 19th birthday June 17; to Bo Allen who celebrated his ninth birthday June 18; to Ava Rudroff who celebrated her ninth birthday June 19; and to Logan Bax who celebrated his 30th birthday June 19.

Donnie Schmitz visited Sunday afternoon with his daughter, Kim Schmitz in Jefferson City.

Our sincere sympathy to Jim and John Wiegers on the death of their brother-in-law, Carl Baclesse, age 69 of Linn who died Thursday at his home in Linn.

Carl was united in marriage to Janelle (Wiegers)

Baclesse in October 1988. Janelle survives at the home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Morton Funeral Home Chapel in Linn. Burial followed in the Linn Public Cemetery.

Thursday afternoon Harrison Stratman joined his grandparents, Tim and Bev Backes of Frankenstein and enjoyed a fun day at the ole ball park as they traveled to St. Louis to cheer the Cardinals on to a four to three victory over the Pirates. A great way for Harrison to celebrate his 18th birthday!

Joe and Stacia Miller of Overland Park, Kan. visited over the weekend with her parents, Roger and Lorrae Stuecken.

During the summer months if anyone would like to lead the rosary at Holy Family Church Wednesday or Friday before the 7:45 a.m. Mass there is a sign up sheet in the back of church. Any questions you can contact Carleen Dickneite at 573-680-2798.

Wayne and Paula Helle of Linn visited Sunday with their daughter, Kaitlin and Dale Struemph and sons, Barrett, Fletcher and Wilder.

Ron and Paralee Kloepel, Eric and Molly Kloepel joined Tyler Bailey of Columbia and Trevor and Paige Bailey and daughter, Brooklynn of Jefferson City for a delicious barbecue Saturday to celebrate Father's Day at the home of Kirk and Sheila Bailey in Jefferson City.

The Osage County Community Choir will have summer practice every Tuesday from June 18-Sept. 17th (except for July 23 and July 30) at 7 p.m. in the Norton Room in Westphalia. Anyone interested in singing is invited to join the choir. They will have a concert Sunday, Sept. 22.

Family and friends gathered at the Sacred Heart School cafeteria Saturday to help Betty Frank celebrate her 80th birthday.

Brad and Stephanie Wieberg and children, Karyn, Aria and Raven of Jefferson City enjoyed Father's Day Sunday at the farm with his parents, Gary and Margie Wieberg.

The Rich Fountain Knights of Columbus will host their "S" Sunday with coffee and donuts at the Sacred Heart School cafeteria following the 7:45 a.m. Mass Sunday, June 30.

Megan Borgmeyer and Maci Kloepel returned home late Saturday evening from a fun one-week trip to beautiful Wyoming. The gals enjoyed three days hiking and sightseeing at the Grand Teton National Park and then on to Yellowstone Park. They had a wonderful vacation and saw a lot of beautiful scenery!

Enjoying dinner Sunday with Gerhard and Virginia Bax for Father's Day were Bryan and Cindy Luebber-

ing of Taos, Brenda and Chris Feeler of Vienna and Brooke and Dakota Dixon and daughters, Kensley and Brenley of Vienna.

Louis Herzing celebrated Father's Day Sunday with a relaxing day at the lake with children and grandchildren.

Amber Struemph of Kansas City visited over the weekend with her parents, Doug and Bev Struemph.

Visiting Sunday with Joe and Irma Richter and helping Joe celebrate Father's Day were Rhonda Richter of Jefferson City, Deidra Richter of Eldon, Connie Richter, Kevin Richter and Lexi Humphrey and Dea Juan and sons, Zayden and Princeton of Jefferson City.

Sam and Liz Rothove and children, Rudy and Violet, recently enjoyed some fun at Silver Dollar City and camping near Branson.

Congratulations to Dylan Buscher and Britney Kliethermes who were married Saturday at Sacred Heart Church in Rich Fountain.

Dylan is the son of Mark and Linda Buscher.

Matron of Honor was Emily Kliethermes and Maid of Honor was Khloe Buscher, daughter of the groom. Bridesmaids were Ellie Kliethermes, Linley Kliethermes, Katie Sallin, Ashley Boyce and Jayden Ralston. Flower girls were Finley and Cali Schnieders.

Best Men were Zach Massman, Lucas and Carter Blankenship. Groomsmen were Mathew Kliethermes, Jeremy Buscher, brother of the groom, Darren Schmitz and Quinton Sallin. Ring bearers were Grayson Sallin and Tate Kliethermes.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at the Lion's Den in Westphalia.

Happy anniversary to Ken and Christy Fick who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary June 13; to Jerry and Marlene Haller who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary June 13; to Justin and Marsha Noblitt who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary June 13; to Sam and Liz Rothove who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary June 14; to Ryan and Lisa Stuecken who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary June 17; to Mike and Becky Wilde who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary June 18; and to Jamie and Becky Wiles who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary June 17.

The Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be held.

Evan Garrison of Independence returned home Monday following a one-week vacation in the country visiting his grandparents, Craig and Myra Faith.

The Freeburg Lions Club and the City of Freeburg will sponsor their 27th annual fireworks display Friday, July 5 at the Lion's Field in Freeburg.

A ceremony to honor our armed services members, past and present will precede the fireworks show at approximately 8:30 p.m. Members of the Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion Post #317 will present arms, raise the flag and offer a firearms salute and Taps. The fireworks display will begin around dusk (between 9:20 and 9:30 p.m.)

"B" HONOR ROLL •from page 5

Mrs. Wingrath

Phoebe Alexander
Rylie Backes
Lester Hoerschgen
Waylon Holterman
Kolby Huber
Bentley Kemna
Paisley Kolb
Kevin Peters
Arabella Schaben
Presley Stokes

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Lehmen

Brooks Boehm
Kenzee Parker
Rowynn Steiner

Mrs. Murphy

Hunter Backes
Olivia Helton

Monroe Kliethermes

Channing Mangan

Nazareth Mendez

Kyndal Rae Smith

Lydia Troesser

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Rehagen

Azlyn Boessen

Oliver Heckman

Matthew Wieberg

Mrs. Kemna

Norbert Bannan

Faith Dudenhoefner

Brylee Hoelscher

Jack Wingrath

Mrs. Rademann

Savannah Fowler

Maria Gabelsberger

Boone Holtmeyer

Hailey Holtmeyer

Jackson Reasons

Lillie Tune

Daniel Wieberg

SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Ryan

Brady Backes

Kolby Bax

Benton Groene

Jayla Hoskins

Jace Johnston

Wyatt Kolb

Avery Schaffer

Lily Swan

Austin Woehr

Mrs. Brown

Addyson Clark

Talon Deardeuff

Anson Elder

Kinlee Perkins

Bowen Wallis

and will last approximately 20-30 minutes. The event is free and open to the public. Bleacher seating will be available but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

To fund this annual fireworks show the Lions Club and the City of Freeburg are donating half the cost of the fireworks - they are also asking for donations from the public. Be assured that all donations they receive will be used towards the fireworks event. No profit will be gained. If you would like to make a donation send it to: Freeburg Lions Club Fireworks Display c/o Gerard Dickneite, 107 Monarch Trail, Freeburg, 65035 - make checks payable to Freeburg Lions Club. Please send donations by Friday, June 28. In case of inclement weather they will reschedule the event.

Guess that will do for this week. Have a great week, enjoy the sunshine and remember "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

Ice Cream Social & TRACTOR SHOW

Sponsored by the

Bonnotts Mill Community
Betterment Association

Saturday, June 22

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Main St. Bonnotts Mill



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Osage County R-III, Fatima High School "A" Honor Roll (3.667 GPA or above):

7TH GRADE

Edie Bauer, Luke Bax, Eli Bock, Brielle DuValeus, Olivia Holland, Rozlyn LeCure, Mya McDaniel, Faith Peters, Emma Scheppers, Josie Schulte, Layla Wingrath

8TH GRADE

Rose Backes, Lyssa Bax, Tucker Gregory, Issabella Hoffman, Mason Huhn, Sadi Lehmen, Eli Libbert, Journey Markway, Alexis Powell, Etta Redel-Sharsin, Eli Reinkemeyer, Tucker Schroeder, Henry Storm, Gabriel Troesser

9TH GRADE

Lexey Bassett, Holly Bliss, Karly Bock, Lilly Borgmeyer, Anne Boyce, Jane Boyce, Kacey Brune, Craven Cole, Tristin Cremer, Zack Esterhold, Carmen Falter, Michael Gabelsberger, Kacie Haller, Tony Heckman, Sophie Hertzling, Ryder Herzing, Cali Kambeter, Trenton Kambeter, Maggie Kloepel, Addison Lehmen, Paden Luebbert, Graidy Mantle, Brie Massman, Eli Massman, Liam Morfeld, Leah Muenks, Troy Neuner, Brenna Ocheskey, Marlee Oliver, Avery Perrey, Margaret Peters, Saddie Pfahl, Cameron Reinsch, Abigail Rogers, Anna Struemph, Emma Stuecken, Derek Troesser, Melanie Troesser, Melissa

10TH GRADE

Madelyn Backes, Adalyn Berhorst, Alex Berhorst, Cody Bertels, Kieren Bexten, Grace Borgmeyer, Couper Bryant, Ava Buhr, Miley Buscher, Amelia Carwile, Reese Dawson, Elise Dickneite, Abby Findley, Michael Groene, Cole Jaegers, Nate Jaegers, Mackenzie Jones, Kaylee Juergensmeyer, Lily Kempter, Christopher Kirsch, Jenna Kirsch, Kendra Kirsch, Blake Kliethermes, Eli Koenigsfeld, Ava Kremer, Eden LePage, Prosper LePage, Azlyn Luebbert, Andrew Muenks, Addisyn Nilges, Kaedyn Rehagen, Drew Riegel, Caden Rosentreter, Sydney Scheppers, Colten Scheulen, Peter Schwartz, Isabella Smith, Heidi Struemph, Hank Stuckenschneider, Brody Thoenen, Natalie Wilbers

11TH GRADE

Madelyn Backes, Claire Baumhoer, Taylor Bax, Vivian Bax, Parker Berhorst, William Bock, Maggie Dickneite, Kali Fortson, Megan Gabelsberger, Lily Gregory, Olivia Hale, Reese Heckemeyer, Cooper Herzing, Brody Kleffner, Logan Kliethermes, Ben

12TH GRADE

Jessica Abbott, Chloe Adamson, Malayna Anderson, Cody Berhorst, Kadence Berhorst, Avery Brandt, Luke Brandt, Chase Budde, Madeline Carwile, Reese Clarke, Emma Deeken, Elizabeth Dickneite, Easton Haslag, Hannah Heisler, Tyrick Herzing, Cheyenne Hicks, Faith Jaegers, Cody Kampeter, Kate Kampeter, Megan Kliethermes, Tyler Kloepel, Cody Koenigsfeld, Maya Libbert, Jacob Luebbering, Noah Luebbering, Ella Massman, Alisha Miranda, Sophia Pfahl, Kaitlyn Plassmeyer, Breanna Rademan, Lydia Rehagen, Joslyn Roark, Alli Robertson, Emily Robinson, Levi Robinson, Nadine Schmitz, Ethan Wieberg, Addyson Wilbers, Nevin Wilde, Emerson Williams, Macie

Community News

UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT



ST. AUBERT NEWS
Buttons Trail
By: Marian Forck
(573)763-5050

cut my much needed grass. I read and watched tv.

Saturday I got my hair fixed and came straight home. I did not feel good and did a load of laundry and read. Sarah and Aaron came down and spent a couple hours with me. They ate lunch and had to leave. The granddaughters were coming home from 4H camping trip and they had to go to the Lake to pick them up. I have been resting and reading. I went to Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Chamois. The dads of the parish received a blessing for Father's Day. Everyone received a special keychain too. I talked to several friends after Mass. I had picked up a book for Dave Schollmeyer and gave it to Jim after Mass. It was about old cars from past to present. I sure hope he likes it. I came home had a light supper, watched tv and stayed up late reading.

Sunday I got up and read. In the late morning I took some items to the Old School. I went to Walmart, took a book back to the library and stopped by my friend's house. We visited and ate an early supper. I came home and wanted to read. I watched reruns of "Yellowstone". I ran into two friends that I used to work with, one from Cheseborough Ponds and one from Lewis and Clark School. We had a good time visiting. Good seeing you Sherri and Barb.

I have been watching the series "Elkhorn" on the channel Insp. It is so good. It is about Theodore Roosevelt before he was President. It will be on again, same channel on July 6. It is a western series. I plan on watching it again. You may want to watch it also.

It is with sadness and mixed emotions that I have decided to move and sell my farm. I have concerns regarding my heart problems and feel that I need to be closer to the doctors and Sarah. We have lived on Buttons Trail for 24 years. This is the longest we ever stayed in one place.

This has been a very difficult decision and Bernie always told me when something happens to him, that I would never be able to stay here by myself.

My goal was to stay five years, but it hasn't even been five months. I am scared of my health issues and I don't really understand everything, it will be a learning process. I am thankful that I didn't bury his ashes up by Old Faithful. I have 153.25 acres, small lake, three-car garage, barn, partial basement, beautiful

log cabin home and a quiet hideaway. We have hay fields and lots of woods. The deer, turkey, squirrels and rabbits roam this setting nestled in the woods off Highway 100.

Schollmeyer News
From Fred

Diane helped with the Lion's Club dinner at the Chamois Park Monday evening.

Thursday Diane had lunch with her sisters at Steve's Restaurant in Taos. Joining her were Margie Elder, Betty Brandt, Doris Fitzpatrick and Karen Dudenhofer.

Friday evening Diane watched her grandson Hank play baseball in Linn.

Sunday morning Fred and Diane hosted breakfast for their family in honor of Father's Day. Diane served biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls and fresh watermelon. Those attending were Nick, Crystal, Jack, Carly and Hank along with Jessie, Michael, Cora and Oliver. Also attending were Jon, Kristina, Archer and Colten along with Fred's daughter Jennifer Collins and her husband Jared. The kids had fun with water balloons and fireworks.

From Crystal

Monday (6/3) was Jack's 16th birthday. That evening Jack and Carly had their last archery practice at school to prepare for Championships. Jack took his driver's test in Linn Tuesday and passed. He also had a baseball game in Hermann that evening ending in a loss.

Wednesday we all headed to Vienna to watch Hank's baseball team come home with a win. I stayed up late packing as well as the kids along with fellow archer, Boone Kuschel, who traveled with us. We left Thursday morning at 4:15 a.m. and arrived 12 hours later in Montgomery, Ala. for the night. Kids enjoyed the pool that night and we hit the road the next morning at 7 a.m. arriving in Daytona Beach Friday afternoon.

We were able to get a little time in the ocean before a pop-up storm ran us out. Saturday was competition day. Team performed well shooting at 11 a.m. After the last regular flight, Jack participated in the scholarship shoot-off placing fourth earning \$2,000. That night we played a friendly game of putt-putt golf. Sunday was a full day of beach and pool. Monday (6/10) we hit the road early again and stayed in Bryant, Ala. at Paradise Pointe. The cabin view was spectacular overlooking the Tennessee River/Nickajack Lake. Tuesday we headed into Chattanooga and

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"We have no reason to believe any sexual abuse was involved at this time," John said. "Both of the juvenile's parents were notified — the adult father was notified. This is still an active investigation and has been turned over to the Juvenile Office."

Heitman said on Monday that the 17-year-old juvenile was released from the hospital.

"The mother was released from the hospital on Friday and returned home," he said.

While Maries County does not have a Safe Haven Baby Box to

drop off newborns, according to Missouri's Safe Place for Newborns Law, infants may be left with any of the following professionals:

- Law enforcement officer (whether on duty or off duty);
- Firefighter;
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT);
- Hospital staff;
- Maternity home staff;
- Pregnancy center staff;
- A volunteer at a hospital, maternity home or pregnancy center; or,
- Any staff in a health care pro-

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Before dropping a child at any of these locations, the parent(s) should understand that the situation is permanent and the other parent has rights. For more information about Missouri's Safe Place for Newborns Law, contact the Children's Division free at 1-800-392-3738.

"It's a no questions asked law," John said on Monday.

Missouri State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) is assisting with the investigation.

META drinking water • from page 1

about the pavilion area not being "up to snuff" for two recent rentals, but acknowledged that some things, like flooding and excessive rain, are outside the city's control.

It was mentioned that the built-in BBQ grill needs work. City staff mentioned that it is rarely used, but others questioned whether it would be used more if it was in better condition. The board intends to look at repair costs and options before making a decision.

"If we're going to (fix) it, we need to hurry up and do it," said Helton, "because that way people can use it during summertime. Otherwise wait until the spring of next year and do it, because otherwise you're just upgrading it or replacing it just for it to go into wintertime."

The board also voted to add a display box at the park for instructions, and selected signs to order to warn of speed bumps, children at play, and to stay off

the field when wet.

Fourth of July Celebration donation requests have been sent. Flyers are complete and will be posted. Fireworks will be done by the same company as last year. Parking will be limited.

The Holiday Mart will be held again this year, spearheaded by former mayor Emily Sommerer.

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has requested a Cultural Resources Survey for the new park site. The board voted to put out an RFP/RFPQ to the archeologists on the list provided. The project budget includes approximately \$3,900 for the survey.

The city attorney updated the board on the status of pending legal action for properties with excessive weeds, trash, and/or maintenance issues.

The next scheduled meeting will be July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

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Massman also had input from city officials to ensure the locations presented no danger of hitting a utility line. He explained his idea with a cardboard prototype to Linn aldermen in September 2023, and the Eagle Board on Feb. 20, both of which signed off on the project. "They asked me a couple of questions about it," Stuart said of Eagle Board members. "They had me step out of the room while they talked about and approved it and had me come back in and tell me that I was good to go."

Once he had his ducks in a row, so to speak, he began construction with the help of family and friends. "We could have other Scouts help, but they couldn't operate the electric tools because of Scout guidelines," Stuart said. "So my parents used those and helped us with that."

Construction took a couple of weeks because he was building two boxes.

One is at the Linn City Park, placed purposefully next to the pavilion. "I did that so people can use the picnic tables under the pavilion to read," said Massman.

The other is at Maguire Park, near the playground equipment, with the same concept: to allow people to read using the nearby picnic tables.

After cutting everything out, assembling the boxes only took a few hours. Then, they were painted green, and after the city of Linn gave its final location approval, Massman was ready. He mounted the boxes on wooden posts placed in concrete to make a stable foundation. Each box has a "Little Free Library" charter sign/number with

a unique number indicating what the boxes are and who made them so people can find them on the "Little Free Library" website world map or the mobile app.

"There is no cost to take a book, and people can donate books at any time without having to figure out when the library is open," Massman said. "It is also helpful because anyone can look at the books at any time of day because the 'Little Free Library' is always open, so you don't have to worry about getting there before it closes."

Massman is happy that several friends and family members donated books to fill the boxes. "We had some books too, but once people found out what Stuart was trying to do, they showed up with donations," Melissa said.

Stuart added that the family will replenish the books as they are taken but hopes that others will consider donating books to help keep the boxes full. "People can take a book, read it, and then return it to the box as well," he said, noting he's not sure how many books can be stored at once. "It really depends on the type of book, whether it's a hardback or paperback, that kind of thing."

Massman said he was most pleased with completing the project. "I think that was the most rewarding aspect of the project because now people can use them," he added.

The most challenging aspect was developing his leadership skills. "A lot of skilled people were helping build the project, but as the Eagle candidate, I had to lead them," he said.

"I've never really been a leader. I'm usually the one who is told what to do, and I do it. I don't like being the leader by any means."



EAGLE SCOUT Stuart Massman during the construction of his book sharing boxes.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

"It gives me a sense of pride and gratitude to all the people that helped me, like my parents, Scoutmaster, and all the friends that I've made over the years. It just shows me that I can do things I could never have seen myself doing. When I first started Scouting, I didn't really think about becoming an Eagle Scout because I really just wanted to be in it for the fun. That's what Scouting was to me, but earning my Eagle tells me that it's more than fun. It's a lifestyle to live by the Scout Oath and Law and do the work to get Eagle. I encourage all Scouts, no matter what rank, to at least try to get there."

Massman attends St. George Catholic Church in Linn, is a CYO member, and is part of a youth group in Jefferson City. He plans to travel to Guatemala on a missionary trip with that group and, upon his return, work at a summer Scout camp at Lake of the Ozarks.

Massman also intends to show bacon at the Osage County Fair in July. He plans to attend State Tech to study Precision Machining. Of all he's accomplished, Massman said,

Massman has applied to become the assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 17. Regardless of his plans outside of Scouting, he plans to remain involved at some level. "If I ever had kids, I will get them into Scouting too," he added. "I think it's a great way to learn new things and make great friends."



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Meta Board of Aldermen adopts 2024-25 budget

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META — The Meta Board of Aldermen approved their 2024-25 budget at last Wednesday night's meeting. The new budget predicts Operating Fund revenue of \$174,500 and expenses of \$173,020.60, and Water Fund revenue of \$75,000 and expenses of \$103,000.

The new budget included a 3% cost of living raise for city employees.

The Park Fund and Motor Fuel Fund are budgeted to break even. The Park Fund shows both income and expenses of \$9,700, and is expected to end the fiscal year even with its starting balance of \$7,900. The Motor Fuel Fund shows revenue and expenses of \$5,900, and is expected to end the fiscal year even with its starting balance of \$119,400.

The Capital Improvements Fund, which has a balance of \$142,500, has no income or expenses budgeted.

The board also amended the 2023-24 budget to align more closely with what was spent.

The City's Operating Fund has a balance of \$614,344.74 as of May 1. There were deposits of \$26,356.20 and debits of \$44,021.71, leaving an



META ALDERMEN Otto Wankum and Lance Juergensmeyer, Treasurer Karla Buechter, and City Clerk Deidra Buechter review financial report.

PHOTO BY ELISE BROCHU

ending balance of \$596,679.23 on May 31.

The city's expenses were especially high due to the purchase of a new lawnmower for \$11,245.08 and a payment of \$20,178.31 to Bartlett & West for matching funds.

The city's money market account had an ending balance of \$142,114.56, the CDBG checking account had \$5. The two CDs had ending balances of \$128,825.46 and \$51,731.72, bringing the city's total Mid-America Bank accounts to \$919,350.97.

The board voted to reinvest the principal from the city's \$50,000 CD, which matured the day after the meeting, for seven months, which had the highest return (4.95%). The interest from the previous period will

be transferred to the General Fund.

Disposition of the city's \$125,000 CD, which matures on July 29, will be decided at the next meeting.

For last month, the city collected \$5,765.30 in water fees, \$1,302.98 for trash, \$194.38 in tax, and \$260.00 in late fees, for a total of \$7,522.66. The city had a previous balance of \$2,860.76 in unpaid utility bills, which rose slightly to \$2,892.91.

It was noted that approximately \$2,000 of the unpaid bills was from a single account, which continues to accrue the minimum balance due. That account was referred to the city attorney for action.

The city pumped 534,186 gallons of water and sold 360,529, leaving a water loss of 32.51%.

Alpha-gal Syndrome is more than just a meat allergy

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OSAGE COUNTY — Alpha-gal Syndrome is a food allergy to meat and other mammal byproducts. It has been reported on all continents except Antarctica, and at least eight tick species are confirmed or potentially associated with the condition. In the United States, it is caused by the bite of the Lone Star tick, although new reports indicate chiggers or mites may also spread it.

Contrary to what one might infer from its name, the Lone Star tick is not limited to Texas. The tick inhabits most of the southeastern and eastern United States, and its territory seems to be spreading as deer carry the tick further north and west. Females are easily identified by the single white dot in the center of their back; however, males often have dots or white streaks on the edge of their bodies and may be difficult to distinguish from male deer ticks.

As it feeds, the Lone Star tick transfers its saliva to its host's bloodstream. This saliva contains a sugar molecule called galactose- α -1,3-galactose (or alpha-gal, for short). In some people, this triggers a reaction from the body's immune system, which causes a reaction to meat and other foods derived from mammals, which naturally contain the galactose- α -1,3-galactose molecule.

Although Alpha-gal Syndrome is often referred to as a meat allergy, the ramifications are more widespread than simply avoiding meat. The first case of alpha-gal was discovered during a drug trial for an antibody treatment containing alpha-gal aimed at treating certain types of cancer. Some patients enrolled in the clinical trials developed anaphylaxis or hives after the first dose, which led to further investigation and the eventual identification of

Alpha-gal Syndrome.

That means allergic reactions can be caused by medications containing mammalian byproducts or contained in gelatin capsules. Gelatin and collagen are also found in products such as gummy candies or vitamins, marshmallows, frosting, catgut sutures, shampoo, beauty products, some vaccinations, and even tattoo ink. On food and product labels, gelatin is often referred to as hydrolyzed animal protein. However, it may also be called collagen hydrolyzed, denatured collagen, or gelatina.

Cross-contamination of foods can occur if chicken, fish, or vegetables are prepared on a grill where mammal meat has also been cooked or if the foods contain dairy or lard. That makes it extremely difficult for those with Alpha-gal Syndrome to eat in non-vegetarian restaurants or at social gatherings.

Symptoms of Alpha-gal Syndrome are as varied as any other allergic reaction, and recognizing the cause is further complicated by the fact that it typically takes three to eight hours after exposure for symptoms to appear. Symptoms can include hives or rash, digestive issues, respiratory problems, a drop in blood pressure, or even anaphylaxis. People who have been diagnosed are often prescribed an epi-pen in case of accidental exposure.

While there is no cure for Alpha-gal Syndrome, the levels of antibodies against alpha-gal can decrease over time, and some people are eventually able to eat meat and other alpha-gal-containing products. Evidence suggests that the greatest likelihood of recovery comes from avoiding meat and other products derived from mammals, and especially from avoiding additional tick bites.

Www.mayoclinic.org states, "Symptoms of Alpha-gal

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Flag Day Naturalization Ceremony held in Linn

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LINN — U.S. Magistrate Judge Willie J. Epps Jr. presided Friday over a naturalization ceremony, held at the Osage County Community Center on the State Tech campus, during which 83 new citizens from 38 countries were sworn in.

"This journey that each of you are on is a testament to your patriotism and to your honor," Epps stated in his opening remarks. "This nation is grateful for your willingness to join us in what I call our experiment in democracy, that gets tested time and time again. I cannot wait for each of you to become U.S. citizens in the coming moments."

Boy Scout Troop 17 and Cub Scout

Pack 17, from Linn, posted the colors, after which Zoe Rehagen, from the Osage Angels, sang "America the Beautiful."

David Moore, of Citizen and Immigration Services, listed all 38 countries the applicants were from, and incoming citizens stood when their country of origin was called.

Eighty-three applicants took the oath of allegiance, administered by U.S. Dis-

trict Court deputy Clerk Melissa Warren, and became citizens of the United States.

"To my fellow Americans," Epps emphasized, to resounding applause, "this country just became a better place in which to live. Our nation just got stronger and more diverse. It is a true honor to be among the first to congratulate you

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U.S. MAGISTRATE Judge Willie J Epps, Jr., presides over naturalization ceremony (Left). Linn Boy Scout Troop 17 and Cub Scout Pack 17 present the colors.

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State Tech outlines plan for new Ag Demonstration Center

BY NEAL JOHNSON
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LINN — State Tech provided plans for the new Ag Demonstration Center at a public hearing on Monday, June 10. However, no one from the public attended.

VP of Finance Jenny Jacobs noted that the \$7 million project will be completed on 35 acres on the northwest side of campus. The land was acquired in April 2023 as part of a swap with Osage Ambulances.

Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's committee was vital in pushing

through a Congressionally-Directed Spending Award totaling \$3 million through the USDA's Rural Facilities program. Another \$4 million has been appropriated in FY 25 through the Missouri Excels (MoExcels) program.

Jacobs noted that the project is likely to exceed the \$7 million estimate.

State Tech is required to provide a 20% match on the federal award, and the total funding will be added to the state appropriation. The college will use unspecified resources to cover any amount beyond federal and state

funding.

"Any time you work directly with federal awards, there are a lot of hoops to jump through," said Jacobs. "We have completed the preliminary architectural and environmental reviews. We are working with the architect and including language in the architectural contract and the bid documents."

The environmental review ensured the new facility would not disturb the soil, endanger a live habitat or species, or cause any water contamination. The review also determined whether special permits would be

needed, though in this case, none are required.

Three Native American tribes with a presence in the area had until June 10 to request a review. State Tech President Dr. Shawn Strong noted there had been no request, though others have conducted reviews in the past.

A small burial area had been identified previously, and that area is protected by fencing. "Google Maps makes it look like the building will be right on top of the cemetery, but that's wrong," said Dr. Strong.

USDA's representative provided the language to

include in the architectural contract and the bid documents. "Once those are approved by USDA, they will be going out for bid," said Jacobs.

Dr. Strong said that in a perfect world, funding would be spent by June 15, 2025. However, with a federal award, the landscape changed.

"We're having to take a few steps back before we can move forward," he said, adding that bids should go out in the next week or two.

The Agriculture Demonstration Center

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June Community Helpers meeting sees increased participation, additional mental health resources

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LINN — Jenn Millard from Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) hosted another successful Community Helpers meeting at the Osage County Library. Approximately 25 people from 18 agencies attended.

CMCA's new office at 1317 East Main Street, in Linn, is now open. The new office is next door to Head Start.

The next produce box distribution in Linn will be this Friday, June 21, at St. John's United Methodist Church, 920 East Main Street, from 2 p.m. until gone.

The library still needs adult and teen

volunteers for Reading Buddies. The program takes place the last three Thursdays in July, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the library at 573-897-2951.

The Osage County Library is offering Walk With Ease on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from noon to 1 p.m., June 21 through July 31, in partnership with MU Extension. This program is geared toward helping people with mobility issues gain strength, stamina, and confidence, and offers stretching and stretching exercises, tips for walking safely,

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A NEW ADVENTURE

Faith of our Fathers

On Sunday — Father's Day — our church closed Mass with the traditional hymn, "Faith of our Fathers," by Frederick William Faber.

According to Wikipedia, the song was written in 1849 to memorialize Catholic martyrs when Henry VIII established the Church of England. Understanding that gives new meaning to the words, "In spite of dungeon, fire and sword."

Interestingly, Faber composed two different versions of this spiritual song, one with four stanzas for England and the second with six for Ireland.

The third verse of his original song includes the Virgin Mary:

*"Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers
Shall win our country back to thee:
And through the truth that comes from
God
England shall then, indeed, be free."*

Many Protestant church hymnals in-

clude this song on their pages with an adapted version of the third verse, which removes the Marian references.

Fortunately, our fathers in faith didn't have to suffer as martyrs for their beliefs. They left their homeland to escape over-crowding, high taxation and constant wars.

They did pass on to many of us a strong faith, along with their hard work, sweat and donations, to start the many church congregations in our area, a gift we all enjoy.



by DENNIS
WARDEN

One of my fathers in faith was Wilhelm Christian Koepke. He is my mother's great grandfather on her father's side of the family. Wilhelm, like so many of our ancestors, who immigrated to the Missouri Valley was born in Germany. Along with his wife and family they relocated to Gasconade County in early 1870.

Wilhelm, his wife Augusta, and his three oldest children were charter members of the Woollam Methodist Church, just west of Owensville on Highway Y.

His ninth son and my great-grandfather Fredrick Wilhelm Koepke attended the Red Oak Methodist Church south of Rosebud, where he and his two wives are buried.

My mother's great-great-grandfather on her mother's side of the family, Joseph and Katherine Mertl, immigrated from Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) near Prague sometime in the early 1860's. This is how my faith in the Catholic Church was

passed down to me.

My paternal ancestor — Samuel Warden, the elder — immigrated from Ireland between 1775 and 1782. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1789 in Mecklenberg County, North Carolina.

The records we have don't show Samuel's faith. Coming from Ireland in the 18th century, odds are he was Roman Catholic. From what I could discover online, Ireland was 81 percent Catholic in 1834.

Samuel had ten grandchildren, seven who fought in the civil war; four for the Union and three for the Confederacy. Charles Emery Warden, my great-great grandfather was the only one who gave his life in the fight to free the enslaved people. He succumbed to his wounds suffered at the battle of Vicksburg, Miss. wearing blue.

These are the fathers (and mothers) of my faith. They brought their belief in God

from Europe for a better life in America.

Whether your church of faith is in Maries, Osage, or Gasconade County (or outside this area), take some time this week to remember those fathers and mothers of your faith who gave so much so your belief in God would have a place to grow.

*"Faith of our Fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death."*

*"Faith of our Fathers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from
God,
Mankind shall then be truly free.
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MAIL BAG

Americans are no longer safe

Thursday, June 13, 2024, Putin moved warships to the coastal waters of Cuba, just ninety miles from America!

Perhaps Putin heard of Joe Biden's plan of convincing the G7 leaders meeting in Italy, to "steal" the \$300 billion

of Russian assets in the United States. Biden does not have the cognitive ability to realize that Americans have three hundred billion dollars of assets in Russia, so Putin could retaliate stealing those assets which could lead to the collapse of the dollar.

What is worse, is that Russia has hypersonic missiles on those warships that are very difficult to

detect by radar. So, what if they hit the Pentagon, the White House, Wall Street, our energy, water, food supply or major means of transportation?

Wouldn't that be like another 9-11? Just how many people would be killed while military recruitment has been devastated with covid vaccines mandates, Marxist critical race theory, diversity, equity and inclusion guidelines and an administration that cares little about the safety of our soldiers, using them to build a pier in Gaza?

Robert Hur interviewed Biden regarding the classified/secret documents he removed from his VP office without permission, stashed in boxes in his garage, that he shared with a ghostwriter, who was writing his biography.

Hur said: that Biden doesn't have the cognitive ability to stand tri-

al, as he couldn't remember when he was V.P. or when his son died. Well, if that is the case, why do Democrats feel safe with Biden running our country? Or, is he just being manipulated by those wanting control over our lives?

It would be even more dangerous with "cackling Kamala", our border czar! She did nothing about the border, but sent "millions" to Central America. She did mention that she wants to maintain a close relationship with our "ally, North Korea"! Resumes shouldn't include having sex with the highest-ranking "married" Democrat in California!

Under Trump, we had "closed borders" and a wall almost completed. With Biden's "open borders" and asylum declarations, we may have millions of illegals voting, draining our trea-

sury, bankrupting our hospitals, over-crowding our schools, increasing crimes, depleting food supplies, rising inflation from Trump's 1.4% to Biden's over 9% and rising. Trump took out ISIS, while the US is in two wars with Biden, who has given Ukraine \$235 billion and committed support for ten more years! Ukraine's Burisma gave Hunter \$5 million, while Joe gave \$1 billion US tax dollars to stop an investigation into Burisma corruption! Peter Schweizer in Red Handed said Joe Biden took \$35 million from China, but gave China territory, in which they could take Taiwan! The Biden family made millions from foreign countries, what did Joe give them! More later!

Charlotte Schnieders
Jefferson City,

BLAINE'S BULLETIN

Finances, freedom, and mainstreet Missouri

During the Cold War, most Americans would be alarmed if they discovered their everyday purchases and government-backed retirement funds were financing the Soviet's military, its strategic initiatives, and even providing employment opportunities. Unfortunately, most policymakers in Washington D.C. and business leaders across the country fail to apply this same logic when thinking about the Chinese Communist Party.



by Blaine
Luetkemeyer
3rd District Congressman

The United States and the USSR raced to achieve world dominance for four decades. Much like the CCP today, the USSR denied their citizens fundamental human rights, silenced free speech, dismantled civil society, and crushed any opposition. In Soviet Russia, political dissidents, ethnic and religious minorities, and anyone who disagreed with the government were often sent to labor camps. Sound familiar? Fast forward to present day, the CCP is committing genocide against the Uyghur people, arresting opposition leaders, and controlling every aspect of its citizens' daily lives. The USSR and the CCP tactics are not that different, and neither is the CCP's quest to overthrow the United States as a leader on the world stage.

If you ask me, it is just as absurd today to send our resources, investments, and technology to Communist China as it was during the height of the first Cold War. You might be asking yourself, what is wrong with trade?

It has to be good for the U.S. economy, right? In theory, yes, but not when we outsource good-paying jobs, inevitably stimulating the economy of an adversary seeking to neutralize us on the world stage.

Every dollar we send to Communist China in time builds a larger and stronger Chinese military, all resources that should be invested in the American people, economy, and financial infrastructure.

The more goods we purchase from Communist China equals fewer jobs in our communities, fewer opportunities for small businesses and fewer resources being invested into Main Street America.

While it may be convenient to have cheap goods at just the click of a button, we need to weigh the costs against offshoring our manufacturing and supply chains. Is 2-day shipping for a shirt that costs \$3 dollars less really worth it?

With each day that passes, China inches closer to waging war on Taiwan. Being thousands of miles away, surely you won't feel the impact a foreign war has on the economy, right? Wrong. Not only is America unprepared for the catastrophic economic impact of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan but it would present a drastically more intense challenge given how deeply our counties' economies are integrated. Not only would 2-day shipping for your favorite cheap shirt be a faint memory, but so would many other parts of our daily lives. That is why, Congressman Ritchie Torres (D-NY) and I introduced a bipartisan bill that would require the *Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC)* to develop an economic plan mitigating the economic fallout from potential Chinese military aggression towards Taiwan.

The advisory committee, whose members would include key federal financial regulatory agencies, capital market participants, and policy makers would be tasked with identifying areas of risk to the financial markets and banking system and developing solutions to deal with their impact.

Like you, the thought of losing our land, freedom, and financial security to Communist China sounds like a nightmare. As a nation there is no time like the present to modernize lessons learned from the first Cold War to tackle the challenges presented by the looming threat of the CCP. I'm sure we will thank ourselves later.

CONTACT US: I encourage you to visit my official website or call my offices in Jefferson City (573-635-7232) or Cottleville (636-327-7055) with your questions and concerns. If you want even greater access to what I am working on, please visit my YouTube site, Facebook page, and keep up-to-date with Twitter and Instagram.

For the Record by Ralph Voss

The country is \$35 trillion in debt and the debt is growing dramatically. The responsibility for this debt lies at the feet of one political party, the Democrats. Thirty years ago Republicans were trying hard to get a constitutional amendment approved that would force Congress to balance the budget each year. The Democrats were trying just as hard to make sure no such amendment was adopted.

Following is a column I wrote in 2010 that shows just how the parties showed their true colors. Had the Republicans prevailed, our national debt today would be \$5 trillion, rather than \$35 trillion.

For The Record 101310

Our right as Americans to worship God — or to not worship — is guaranteed by the First Amendment, which also guarantees our freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Our right to keep and bear arms is protected — although that protection is under constant attack — by the Second Amendment.

Our right to be protected from politicians who would destroy our way of life by their wild and reckless spending is provided by the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution. We can only wish that were the case.

In 1995 Congress came within one vote of adopting a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, which would have been the Twenty-eighth Amendment. In the House, under the leadership of Speaker Newt Gingrich, 228 Republicans and 72 Democrats joined in approving the amendment by a vote of 300 to 132. Only two Republicans voted nay, while 129 Democrats voted against the amendment.

The House vote came in January, just a few weeks after Republicans gained control on the basis of voter approval of their Contract with America, the centerpiece of which was the Balanced Budget Amendment.

There was not as much support for the amendment in the Senate as there was in the House. A vote in the Senate did not take place until March, giving Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole time to work on getting a two-thirds majority. The

vote was a cliff-hanger, with 66 voting in favor and 34 against — one vote short of the necessary two-thirds. Only one Republican senator voted nay, while 33 Democrats voted that way.

Fifty-five Republicans voted in favor of the amendment and they were joined by 11 Democrats, one of whom was Vice President Joe Biden.

Some of those who voted against the amendment were Harry Reid of Nevada, who now appears to be in big trouble in his reelection effort. Another was Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, who, along with Rep. Barney Frank, is responsible for the billions of dollars wasted by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Dodd is so unpopular in his home state he chose not to run again. Other Democrats voting against the measure were Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein of California; Ted Kennedy and John Kerry of Massachusetts; North Dakota's Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan; Robert Byrd and Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia; Barbara Mikulski of Maryland; Patrick Leahy of Vermont; Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. The latter is currently trailing his Republican opponent by 9 points.

The lone Republican to vote against the amendment was Mark Hatfield of Oregon. Bob Dole, who was running for president at the time, and Oren Hatch of Utah, two of Hatfield's closest Senate friends, strongly urged him to vote in favor, but he would not do so. Some wrote about his vote as being a "profile in courage." Others were very critical.

One interesting aspect of this lobbying effort was action taken by Hatfield's son-in-law, who gave the senator a picture of his granddaughter with "For Her Sake!" written across the picture. The son-in-law, who worked for Sen. Hatch, could see the problem with deficit spending. His liberal father-in-law could not. After witnessing the spending of the past two years, it would be interesting to see what Hatfield would do if he could turn back the clock 15 years.

To give you a little showing of how insincere many Democrats are on this issue of spending, consider that one year and one day prior to the vote in the Senate, with the Democrats in control in that body, a Balanced Budget Amendment

went down to defeat 63-37.

Six Democrats that voted in favor of the almost-identical 1994 proposal, voted against the 1995 amendment when they knew that if any one of them voted in favor the measure would be sent to the people for approval. Democrats want you to believe they are for fiscal responsibility, but they aren't.

A look at party platforms shows how the parties feel. In 1980 and 1984 the Democrat platform opposed a Balanced Budget Amendment. In later years the platform was silent about the amendment. The 1984 Democrat platform read: "We oppose the artificial and rigid Constitutional restraint of a balanced budget amendment."

The Republican platform always supported the amendment.

If you are a Democrat, the company line goes something like this: "If a Balanced Budget Amendment is in place, any program that relies on discretionary spending, from Social Security to Head Start, would face unpredictable cuts, which in turn would cause untold suffering to the poor, the aged, and the young."

My response is three-fold:

First, Barack Obama's spending is about to cause untold suffering for everyone.

Second, I readily admit George Bush spent too much, but he would not have been able to spend the way he did if a Balanced Budget Amendment would have been in place. We must protect ourselves from the politicians, regardless of party.

Third, governments must stop living on the edge. Many governments — possibly most governments — have deficits or only token surpluses. Many states spend everything they take in, except for a paltry few million. When the economy turns down, they have to raise taxes.

They have followed this policy so long it is now counter-productive, in that many tax increases actually result in the loss of revenue. State governments everywhere should do what many of the cities and villages in this county do...they keep enough money set aside to handle some hard times. That's called prudence, a virtue seldom seen at the state level and never seen in Washington.

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health education, and walking routines. To register, call the library.

The Osage County Health Department is hosting their fourth annual pool party at Osage View on Friday, Aug. 9, from 6-8 p.m. There will be no lifeguard on duty and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The first 200 people will receive a swag bag and free Sweet Bee's shaved ice.

Osage County Special Services stated that work on the All-Inclusive Playground at the Linn City Park has halted temporarily, due to contractor availability. Since most contractors are donating their time, the work must be done as volunteers are available.

Compass Health reminded everyone about their Mental Health First Aid Training, offered in conjunction with OC ADCAT, and that they have telehealth mental health services available at the Community Health Center in Linn during normal hours of operation.

The Pregnancy Help Center of Central Missouri, located in Jefferson City, offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, baby items, diapers, and STD testing for both men and women.

CMCA now has health care advocates. Anie McDuff and Onni Flint offer one on one enrollment assistance for health insurance marketplace, Medicaid, and Medicare, as well as post enrollment assistance, for residents of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, and Osage counties.

Osage Ambulance District is offering a free CPR and First Aid Workshop at the Lions Club Community Center in Chamois, on Friday, June 21, from 6-8 p.m. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 20.

The Missouri Behavioral Health Council, in collaboration with the Osage County Circuit Court, will be hosting a Sequential Intercept Management workshop on Aug. 26 and 27 at the Barefoot Event Center in Linn. This workshop, which is tailored to Osage County, focuses on people with mental illness and co-occurring disorders, and how to identify

services and gaps in service, and to optimize use of local resources.

Registration is required. The workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the first day and 8:30 a.m. to noon the second. Meals will be provided, and POST, CLE, and CEU hours will be available.

Deacon Bob Schwengerdt, from Assumption Catholic Church, discussed his group's progress in setting up a food distribution site in Chamois. The group is made up of church parishes from Linn (St. George), Frankensteine, Chamois, Morrison, Hope, and Gasconade. They have a potential location in mind, and Catholic Charities has pledged \$5,000 to buy a walk-in cooler.

Steve Duncan, representing the Chamois Lions Club, said that the Lions and Chamois Industrial Development Corporation will be continuing their back to school backpack program. The program provides backpacks and school supplies to Chamois children based on needs identified by the school. If you would like to donate, contact the Chamois Lions Club.

The Osage County Ant-Drug Community Action Team (OC ADCAT) are starting a youth leadership group called "Keeping Every Kid Safe (KEYS) Youth Coalition." Their target age group is the fifth through eighth grades, and they will plan fun activities as part of the program.

They are also trying to start a youth center in the building that houses the Barefoot Events Center. In September, they will find out if they were awarded two grants they applied for, in the amounts of \$125,000 and \$375,000. They hope to be able to provide transportation to and from the youth center at prearranged times, from Chamois and Westphalia.

OC ADCAT also has information about 988, as well as fentanyl test strips and Narcan/Naloxone bags and training. They also have information on Xylazine, a horse tranquilizer of which Osage County is seeing more use by humans.

New Ag center • from page 9

will include classrooms, a livestock arena, wet and dry labs, and a food processing lab.

The livestock arena will be flanked by two lecture halls facing each other, with a removable door in the middle. That door can be raised to allow students and visitors in both seating areas to view the arena. "When we open that middle door, it'll look like a sale barn with seating for 200," Dr. Strong noted. "If we have FFA or 4-H kids in there, we have a removable fence that can be reconfigured so we can bring animals through for classes.

Large-screen monitors can be used in one or both lecture halls when the dividing wall is down.

Two overhead doors go out into animal pens. A raised deck will allow people to see the nearby farm where cattle will be raised. At this time, Dr. Strong said the college is focused on cattle on the Morton and Hernondon Hills properties near where the new building is being constructed. "We plan to maintain the tree line," Dr. Strong added. "We're not looking to change anything in that regard."

Students will learn how to process animals, but animals will not be killed on site. "We won't have students actually killing animals on campus," said Dr. Strong. "We will have whole or partial animals for processing."

A common kitchen

will be in the facility to accommodate meat processing, and labs will be equipped to handle virtually any instruction.

The building will also have a 3,000 SF area that can be developed for expansion.

Dr. Strong believes if all went perfectly, the project would take a year to complete. However, he thinks it will likely be done in 2026.

The project is part of the Agriculture Operations degree program, which has two options: Ag Business and Ag Production. As of June 10, 33 students were enrolled in the former, while the latter had 11.

Dr. Strong believes the program will grow quickly. "We have a first and second cohort already," he said, explaining each cohort has 25 students. "I think we have enough interest to enroll 400 students in the program."

State Tech joins a handful of two-year institutions to offer Agriculture Operations to its curriculum. Dr. Strong believes it's a growing trend, especially in Missouri, which is driven largely by agriculture. "This is a good marriage between agriculture and technology," he added.

"One of the reasons this is all coming together so well is because of the trade we made to acquire the land. Everything fell into place at the right time."

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Missouri budget surplus remains close to record levels as fiscal year nears end

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MISSOURI INDEPENDENT

Missouri will enter the new fiscal year July 1 with a near-record cash surplus as state spending falls short of budgeted amounts and revenues meet expectations.

Meeting revenue expectations won't, however, be enough to trigger an income tax cut dependent on revenue growth, said Jim Moody, a former state budget director.

"My view is, best case, they end up probably around the last year's revenues, which would not trigger it," said Moody, who is also a retired lobbyist who advised clients on state fiscal issues and tax matters.

The state took in \$13.2 billion in general revenue in the year that ended June 30, 2023. Through Thursday, general revenue receipts were down 0.35% for the current fiscal year — the estimate is for a decline of 0.7% — while a tax cut would occur if revenues increased by \$200 million or more.

Gov. Mike Parson must act on the \$51.7 billion budget approved by lawmakers before the new fiscal year begins July 1. And while the large surplus and steady revenues mean every item can be funded, Parson last year vetoed \$550 million in spending items he said jeopardized the state's long-term fiscal health.

And Parson may call lawmakers back to add new spending before his term expires in January. If the budget fails to adequately fund state operations, Parson said at a news conference in May that he would not leave it to his successor to fill in the gaps.

And at the first meeting of the State Board of Education after the budget was approved, board President Charlie Shields predicted that the department would need the "mother of all supplemental budgets" to make it through the year.

At the end of May, the state general revenue fund held \$4.9 billion, with other funds that could be spent without restriction adding almost \$1.9 billion. On July 1, 2023, the general revenue surplus stood at \$5.1 billion, the largest in state history.

The general revenue balance is about \$1.7 billion more than Parson's January budget proposal anticipated would be left on June 30. And while there are some big items left to fund in the current budget — a \$300 million transfer to an account for expansion of the Capitol Building being the largest — the balance is unlikely to change dramatically in the final month of the fiscal year.

A large part of the additional surplus is likely due to unspent funds due from staffing shortages across state government. During fis-

cal year 2023, state agencies only used 87% of the payroll hours allocated in the budget. That helped keep general revenue spending \$608 million below budgeted amounts.

The almost flat revenue growth masks changes in the mix of revenues. Sales tax revenues are up more than 9% for the year, while income tax receipts have declined about 3%. In just the past two years, as income tax cuts have kicked in, the share of general revenue coming from sales tax has increased from \$1 out of every \$5 to \$1 out of every \$4.

There are several factors driving growth in sales tax, Moody said.

The first is inflation, both in wages and prices, he said. Adult use marijuana is a market of more than \$1 billion annually and sales tax claims 3% of that amount for general revenue.

The state began collecting tax on goods sold through the internet last year, and there is some residual spending of COVID-19 relief funds.

If Parson approves all the spending in the budget plan on his desk, it will consume about \$2 billion of the accumulated surplus. If that continues into future years, Moody said, the surplus won't last until the next recession.

"It's been 15 years since we had a recession," Moody said. "So nobody thinks that things can go down."

Alpha-gal • from page 9

Syndrome may lessen or even disappear over time. This is especially true if you don't get any more bites from ticks that carry alpha-gal. Some people with this condition can eat mammal food products again after one to two years if they don't get any more tick bites."

The easiest way to avoid contracting Alpha-gal Syndrome is also to avoid being bitten. The recommended methods for avoiding exposure are wearing protective clothing, using tick repellents, and frequently checking for ticks after outdoor activities.

The Lone Star tick also spreads other diseases, such as Lyme dis-

ease, and experts say people who are diagnosed with it should be extra vigilant for symptoms of Alpha-gal. Anyone who thinks they may be suffering from Alpha-gal Syndrome should speak to their medical professional. Doctors can confirm the diagnosis through testing.

"Symptoms of tick-borne illness can be a bit non-specific, which tends to delay diagnosis," said Osage County Health Department Administrator Kim Sallin. "I would encourage anyone who has been knowingly bitten by a tick to keep a record of when the bite occurred and log any illness or symptoms that might follow. If you're seeing your doctor because you're not feeling well, no matter the symptoms, definitely mention a recent tick bite."

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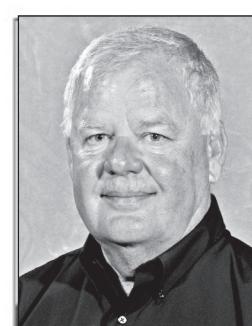


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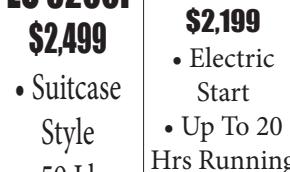


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JUNE 5, 1924

Judge Ben Schauwecker of Westphalia has filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state treasurer and will make an active canvass. Judge Schauwecker in entering the race yields to the solicitation of friends in many counties who deem him an ideal candidate and who believe his name upon the democratic ticket would add much strength to it.

75 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 9, 1949

Young doctor may locate in Linn

Dr. Donald Minch of St. Louis, a graduate of St. Louis University and who has just been released from the army after two years of service in the Medical Corps, is considering Linn as a place to practice his profession.

He was here last Friday and conferred with J. W. Vogel as to housing and office space. He then went to Jefferson City where Joe Knollmeyer accompanied him to St. Mary's Hospital to request membership on the staff of the hospital, after conferring with Dr. Wm. McKnelly.

Dr. Minch seemed to be very much impressed with Linn as a town in which to locate. He has a wife and two small children and those who met him believe he would

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fill a present need for a home town and county M.D., which has existed here for some years.

V.F.W. to buy old creamery building

A building large enough to house all normal activities of Osage County Memorial Post 4756 of the V.F.W. is nearing reality, according to Glenn W. Jacquin, post commander.

The boys of the local post are only awaiting final signing of the papers to transfer to themselves all rights and title to the old J. H. Laughead factory building, later the home of the Osage Creamery and of the Champion Canvas Company. The building contains approximately 12,500 feet of floor space on two floors. Extensive repairs and renovations will be necessary, and it will probably be some months before the building is completed, but the veterans are looking forward to a possible recreation center as well as ample space for all meetings.

The building fronts on Jefferson Street and runs through to the alley in the rear of the Linn Mercantile Store, where a second floor entrance is located at pres-

ent.

50 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 5, 1974

City fathers greeted with many complaints at Monday's meeting

A crowd of overflow capacity greeted the Linn city council at Monday night's regular meeting. All were concerned with one issue - the charge for trash service added to the last water and sewage bill.

The mayor responded that the billing was in error in some instances since the trash charge was made on the amount of water and sewer charge combined and should have been on water alone. The bills, however, are payable as received and adjustments will be made in the next billing when credits will be issued where due.

A lengthy discussion followed on financing the trash service with a one-cent sales tax in the city. This seemed to be the solution favored by the majority present. The council agreed to study the matter at length and if deemed feasible may submit the proposal to the voters in the August primary election.

Bids opened Friday on proposed church

Bids were opened at a meeting at St. George parish in Linn last Friday evening, on the proposed new church.

The building committee admitted all bids were much higher than expected and no action was taken. The group has 30 days in which to act.

The lowest total on all phases of the contract bids amounted to near \$500,000.

25 YEARS AGO
UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT
JUNE 9, 1999

Priests retire, replacements named

Two Irish-born priests serving the Catholic parishes of Loose Creek, Frankenstein and Bonnott's Mill are retiring at the end of the month and replacements have been named by the Diocese of Jefferson City.

The Rev. Richard Cronin, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Loose Creek, will be succeeded by the Rev. Gregory C. Meystrik, pastor of St. Joseph parish at Edina and St. Aloysius parish at Baring.

The Rev. Peter Walsh, pastor of Our Lady of Help Catholic Church of Frankenstein and St. Louis Catholic Church at Bonnott's Mill, will be succeeded by the Rev. George J. Kramer of Bonnott's Mill. Kramer also will continue as director of lay ministry formation. Both Cronin and Walsh are returning to Ireland.

OSAGE CO PWS 1
Public Water System ID Number: MO3024437
2023 Annual Water Quality Report
(Consumer Confidence Report)

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

Atencion!

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúcelo o preguntele a alguien que lo entienda bien.

[Translated: This report contains very important information. Translate or ask someone who understands this very well.]

What is the source of my water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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WELL # 2 - 6 LEWIS TRAIL	GROUND WATER

Source Water Assessment

The Department of Natural Resources conducted a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of our water source to potential contaminants. This process involved the establishment of source water area delineations for each well or surface water intake and then a contaminant inventory was performed within those delineated areas to assess potential threats to each source. Assessment maps and summary information sheets are available on the internet at <https://drinkingwater.missouri.edu>. The Missouri Source Water Protection and Assessment maps and information sheets provide a foundation upon which a more comprehensive source water protection plan can be developed.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

A. **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

B. **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

C. **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

D. **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

E. **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Natural Resources prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department of Health regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources regulates our water system and requires us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. Our system has been assigned the identification number MO3024437 for the purposes of tracking our test results. Last year, we tested for a variety of contaminants. The detectable results of these tests are on the following pages of this report. Any violations of state requirements or standards will be further explained later in this report.

How might I become actively involved?

Contaminants Report

OSAGE CO PWS 1 will provide a printed hard copy of the CCR upon request. To request a copy of this report to be mailed, please call us at **573-897-2755**. The CCR can also be found on the internet at www.dnr.mo.gov/CCR/MO3024437.pdf.

The state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Records with a sample year more than one year old are still considered representative. No data older than 5 years need be included. If more than one sample is collected during the monitoring period, the Range of Sampled Results will show the lowest and highest tested results. The Highest Test Result, Highest LRAA, or Highest Value must be below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) or the contaminant has exceeded the level of health based standards and a violation is issued to the water system.

Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Test Result	Range of Sampled Result(s) (low - high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	2/23/2021	0.0266	0.025 - 0.0266	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	2/23/2021	0.18	0.17 - 0.18	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth

Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile: 90% of your water utility levels were less than	Range of Sampled Results (low - high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2020 - 2022	0.0794	0.0339 - 0.0847	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
LEAD	2020 - 2022	3.35	0 - 9.86	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

Violations and Health Effects Information

During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2023		

Special Lead and Copper Notice:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. OSAGE CO PWS 1 is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>.

All contaminant sample results from past and present compliance monitoring are available online at the Missouri DNR Drinking Water Watch website at www.dnr.mo.gov/DWWI. To see the Lead and Copper results, enter your water system's name in the box titled Water System Name, then select Find Water Systems at the bottom of the page. On the next screen, click on the Water System Number. At the top of the next page, under the Help column, click on Other Chemical Results by Analyte. Scroll down to Lead and click the blue Analyte Code (1030). A Sample Collection Date range may need to be entered. The Lead and Copper locations will be displayed under the heading Sample Comments. Scroll to find your location and click on the Sample No. for results. If you assisted the water system in taking a Lead and Copper sample but cannot find your location on the list, please contact OSAGE CO PWS 1 for your results.

Optional Monitoring (not required by EPA)

Optional Contaminants

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Water System Highest Sampled Result	Range of Sampled Result(s) (low - high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, CACO3 STABILITY	2/23/2021	271	266 - 271	MG/L	
CALCIUM	2/23/2021	60.2	59.9 - 60.2	MG/L	
HARDNESS, CARBONATE	2/23/2021	289	288 - 289	MG/L	
IRON	2/23/2021	0.58	0.0778 - 0.58	MG/L	0.3
MAGNESIUM	2/23/2021	33.6	33.6	MG/L	
MANGANESE	2/23/2021	0.00585	0.00418 - 0.00585	MG/L	0.05
PH	2/23/2021	7.78	7.68 - 7.78	PH	8.5
POTASSIUM	2/23/2021	2.36	1.29 - 2.36	MG/L	
SODIUM	2/23/2021	2.37	2.33 - 2.37	MG/L	250
SULFATE	2/23/2021	20.2	17.6 - 20.2	MG/L	5
TDS	2/23/2021	278	244 - 278	MG/L	500
ZINC	2/23/2021	0.075	0.0152 - 0.075	MG/L	5

Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends these standards but does not require water systems to comply.

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City fathers greeted with many complaints at Monday's meeting

A crowd of overflow capacity greeted the Linn city council at Monday night's regular meeting. All were concerned with one issue - the charge for trash service added to the last water and sewage bill.

The mayor responded that the billing was in error in some instances since the trash charge was made on the amount of water and sewer charge combined and should have been on water alone. The bills, however, are payable as received and adjustments will be made in the next billing when credits will be issued where due.

A lengthy discussion followed on financing the trash service with a one-cent sales tax in the city. This seemed to be the solution favored by the majority present. The council agreed to study the matter at length and if deemed feasible may submit the proposal to the voters in the August primary election.

Bids opened Friday on proposed church

Bids were opened at a meeting at St. George parish in Linn last Friday evening, on the proposed new church.

The building committee admitted all bids were much higher than expected and no action was taken. The group has 30 days in which to act.

The lowest total on all phases of the contract bids amounted to near \$500,000.

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1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE COUNTY OF
OSAGE, STATE OF
MISSOURI**

PROBATE DIVISION
Estate No: 22PS-PR00051
In the Matter of **STANLEY
DILL**,

Deceased,

**NOTICE OF FILING OF
FINAL SETTLEMENT
AND PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION**

To all persons interested in
the Estate of: **STANLEY
DILL**,

Deceased.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned Personal Representatives will file a Final Settlement and Petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal/real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interest therein and for distribution of such property, in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri, on July 8, 2024, or as may be continued by the Court, and that any objections or exceptions to such Final Settlement or Petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within twenty days after the filing of such Final Settlement.

**AMANDA L. GRELLNER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW**
1014 East Main Street
P.O. Box 828
Linn, MO 65051
Phone: (573) 897-3609
Fax: (844) 837-3517

Christine Fick,
177 Realtree Ridge Lane,
Freeburg, MO 65035

Tracy Dill
823 County Road 632
Freeburg, MO 6035

**PROOF OF MAILING
OF COPY OF NOTICE
OF FILING OF FINAL
STATEMENT AND
PETITION FOR
DISTRIBUTION**

Amanda L. Grellner, Attorney for Personal Representative on oath states that a copy of the above Notice was mailed by the undersigned on June 4, 2024 by ordinary mail, according to law:

David Dill
1292 Highway 100
Linn, MO 65051

Gregory G. Dill
4203 County Road 634
Freeburg, MO 65035

Tracy Dill
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177 Realtree Ridge Lane,
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13 Countryside Lane
Freeburg, MO 65035

Jennifer M. Fick
177 Realtree Ridge Lane,
Freeburg, MO 65035

The foregoing is made under oath or affirmation and its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

(s) Amanda L. Grellner

Publish in the **Unterrified Democrat** on: June 12, June 19, June 26, and July 3, 2024.

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NOTICE

TO HUNTERS, TRAPPERS,
FISHERMEN-TRESPASSERS
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Sections 569.140,
569.145 and 569.150
of the Revised Statutes
of Missouri deal with
trespassing, penalties for
trespassing and notice to
trespassers.

If you wish to post
your property to notify
trespassers, your name
will run with those listed
below for \$30 per year or
part of a year. The year
started July 1, 2023 and
ends June 30, 2024.

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Rich Fountain, Mo.

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Family Farm, Inc
150 Heritage Trail
Meta, Mo.

1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF OSAGE COUNTY,
MISSOURI**

Case No: 24OS-PR00019

**IN THE MATTER OF
ABEL J. KRIEG, MINOR,
KENNETH KRIEG AND
CAROL KRIEG, Petitioners,
vs. LACEY J. HIGGIN-
BOTHAM, Respondent.**

**NOTICE UPON ORDER
FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**

**The State of
Missouri to: LACEY J.
HIGGINBOTHAM.**

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor which affects the minor in the matter. The case is scheduled for hearing on the Petition for Guardianship for July 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The names of all parties in this action are stated in the caption above and the name and address of the attorney for the petitioners are:

Amanda L. Grellner,
1014B E. Main St.,
PO Box 828,
Linn, MO 65051
573-897-3609

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or otherwise appear and defend against this action within 45 days after June 5, 2024, judgement by default will be entered against you.

Beth A. Billington, Clerk
Dates of Publication: June 5, June 12, June 19, and June 26, 2024.

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1 Administrator's Notices

**IN THE 20TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT,
OSAGE COUNTY,
MISSOURI**

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No: 24OS-PR00027

In the Estate of **TOMMY JOE
FRITCHLEY**, Deceased.

Deceased,

**NOTICE OF LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY
GRANTED**

(Supervised Administration)

**To all persons interested in
the Estate of: TOMMY JOE
FRITCHLEY, Deceased.**

On June 4, 2024, the last will of Decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of **TOMMY JOE FRITCHLEY**, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Osage County, Missouri. The name and address of the personal representative is:

**GILBERT HOELSCHER,
922 HIGHWAY 100,
LINN, MO 65051**

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

**AMANDA L. GRELLNER,
1014B E. MAIN ST.,
PO BOX 828,
LINN, MO 65051,
573-897-3609**

All creditors of the decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after Decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of decedent's death:
MAY 26, 2024
Date of first publication:
JUNE 12, 2024
Beth A. Billington,
Clerk
4-061224 ud

The A-1 Levee District
will be holding its
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, June 27 at 7 p.m.
at
St Johns UCC Education Building in
Chamois, Mo.

For information regarding this meeting,
you can contact Mark Lieneke 573-619-3059

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Public Notice of Surface Mining Application - Adding New Site to Existing Permit -

Osage Fire Clay, LLC, P.O. Box 306, Gerald, MO 63037, has applied for a new site(s) expansion to their existing permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Land Reclamation Program, to mine clay on two acres of land located in Osage County, Section 31-T44N-R7W, Section 30-T44N-R7W.

This operation will be conducted during the approximate dates of 7/15/2024 to 6/1/2027.

Written comments or request for an informal public meeting may be made by any person with direct, personal interest in one or more of the factors that the Staff Director may consider in issuing a permit, as required by The Land Reclamation Act, sections 444.760 to 444.790 RSMo.

Mail written comments, or request for an informal public meeting to: Director, Land Reclamation Program, Department of Natural Resources, PO 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. All comments and requests for a public meeting must be submitted in writing to the director's office no later than fifteen days following the final public notice publication date. For more information about this process, please contact the Land Reclamation Program by telephone at 573-751-4041.

SEEKING RESPONSES

Osage County R-II School District

The Osage County R-II School District is seeking responses from firms to provide Geotechnical and Materials Testing services for campus improvement projects. All questions or comments regarding this solicitation package must be submitted in writing to Matt Nigh, Owner's Representative, by e-mail to matt@navigatebuildingsolutions.com. RFQ documents can be requested by contacting Matt Nigh by email. Responses will be accepted in person until 1:00 p.m. C.T. on **July 2nd, 2024**, at Osage County R-II School District Central Office, located at 141 Wildcat Drive, Linn, MO 65051.

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HELP WANTED
Osage County R-III School District
is seeking applications for:
Preschool aide

(Non-Certified Position) Monday through Friday
3:15 pm – 5:30 pm
12 month position; 16 Years or age or Older
For information and application please contact
Trisha at preschool (573) 455-2375 ext. 3001 or
email: reichelt@fatinacomes.org

EOE

State Treasurer Vivek Malek is trying to locate the owners of unclaimed assets listed in this notice. These unclaimed assets may consist of cash, checks, stocks, dividends or safe deposit boxes. These listings do not pertain to real estate.

To submit a claim, visit ShowMeMoney.com or write to: Unclaimed Property, P.O. Box 1004, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Information concerning the amount, description and holder of the property may be obtained by the property owner. Tangible property may be sold according to section 447.558 RSMo, and proceeds retained in the name of the original owner.

State law (447.541 RSMo.) requires the publication of this information in newspapers each year

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taking the oath of allegiance."

The ceremony concluded with the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Rehagen sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Boy Scouts retired the colors.

Both passport and voter registration booths were set up for new citizens to begin their application processes.

After the ceremony, the judge stayed for over an hour to allow the jubilant new citizens to have their picture taken with him, if desired. He made brief but gregarious small talk with each one, offering congratulations, asking about their country of origin, and complimenting patriotic apparel, until the last beaming citizen departed.



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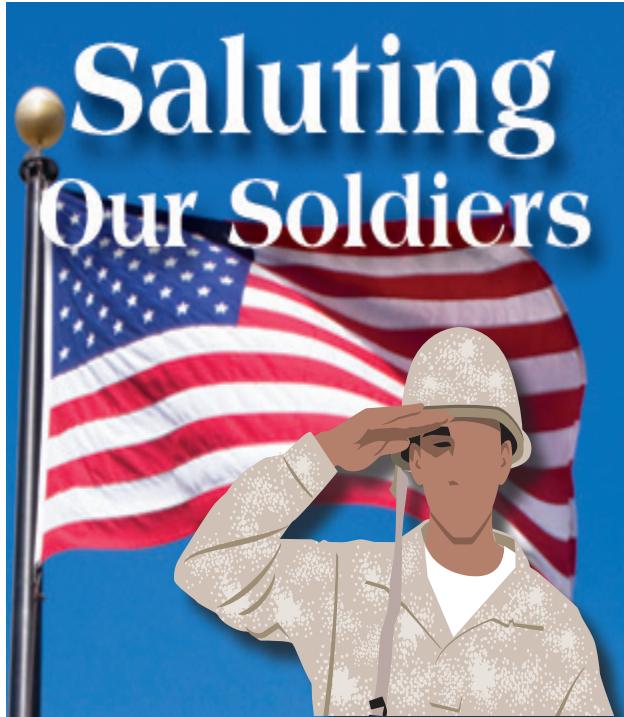
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GREASED PIG CONTEST

FRI., JULY 12

• Approx. 8:30 P.M. -

Registration will be on the west end of the track from 6-8 p.m.

Four different divisions: Division 1: Up to 4 years of age; Division 2: 5-7 years old; Division 3: 8-11 years old; Division 4: 12-14 years old.

Regulations may be limited dependent on number of entries.

For rules, regulations and entry form, call Paul Brandt 573-291-2141 or Jason Backes 573-897-4936

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOUR. & FREE THROW SHOOTOUT

Sat., July 13 - 3 p.m. - State Tech Activity Center

For more information call Tom Klebba at 897-2204 or pick up entry form at Main Legends Bank Lobby or sign up at 2 p.m. on day of event.

Parents as Teachers

BABY SHOW

SAT., JULY 13 - 5:30 P.M.

Must be an Osage County resident
• Prizes for all participants • Check in time is 5 p.m. at the stage area • \$2 Entry Fee after July 14 • Registration forms can be picked up at Thriftway Customer Service Desk, and Joe's Market.

Please arrive at the stage area at approximately 5:15 p.m.
Questions Call: Cassie Sneller at 573-298-2997 or Abigail Duke 573-694-2575
Registration Forms should be sent to Cassie Sneller • 875 Hwy CC • Linn, MO 65051

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KARAOKE CONTEST

Sat., July 13 - 8 p.m. - midnight

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SAT., JULY 13 - 10 P.M. -

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